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**BATMAN**

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WITH
ROBIN
-THE BOY WONDER-

IMAGINE **BATPLANE** VS. **BATPLANE** FOR THE MASTERY OF THE SKIES!
WELL, THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE **BATPLANE**, MOST FORMIDABLE OF ALL **BATMAN'S** EQUIPMENT, FALLS INTO EVIL HANDS. FOR THE ONLY WAY **BATMAN** CAN PUT AN END TO THIS NEW TERROR IS TO DEVISE A NEW **BATPLANE**--AND MOVE TO THE ATTACK! SO, FOR JET-PROPELLED THRILLS AND POWER-DIVING ACTION, SLIP ON YOUR OXYGEN TANKS, ADJUST YOUR GOGGLES FOR...

"The Birth of **BATPLANE II!**"

HURRY,
ROBIN!
THE NEW
BATPLANE
IS SORELY
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**CROOKS NAB
BATPLANE!**
**CREATE DEADLY
AIR ARMADA!**

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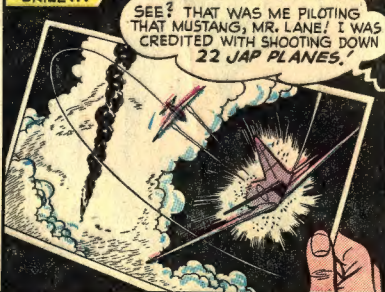
ONE DAY, IN THE OFFICES OF GOTHAM AIRLINES...



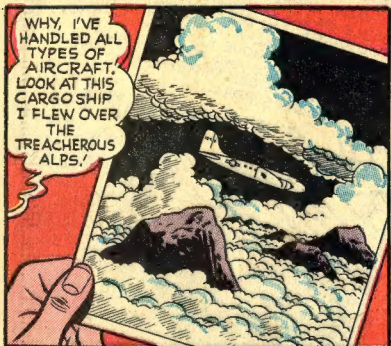
I'M SORRY, HAGGERTY... THE DOCTORS HAVE TURNED DOWN YOUR REQUEST TO PILOT ONE OF OUR PLANES!

WHAT? WITH MY WAR RECORD--AND FLYING EXPERIENCE?

DESPERATELY, "FLYING TIGER" HAGGERTY PRODUCES PHOTOGRAPHIC TESTIMONY OF HIS SKILL...



SEE? THAT WAS ME PILOTING THAT MUSTANG, MR. LANE! I WAS CREDITED WITH SHOOTING DOWN 22 JAP PLANES!

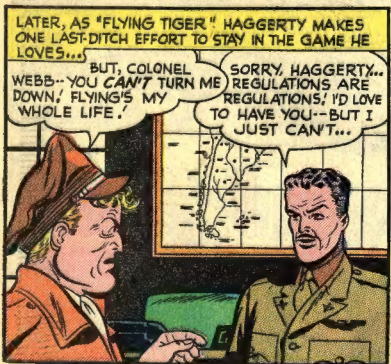


WHY, I'VE HANDLED ALL TYPES OF AIRCRAFT, LOOK AT THIS CARGO SHIP I FLEW OVER THE TREACHEROUS ALPS!



I KNOW--BUT YOU'VE GOTTEN OLDER--YOUR REFLEXES ARE SLOWER! AND YOU KNOW, **SAFETY** IS OUR MAIN CONCERN! BUT REMEMBER--COME SEE ME ANY TIME YOU'RE READY TO TAKE A DESK JOB...

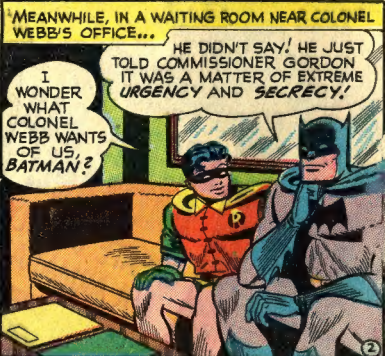
DESK JOB! WHY, I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO STAND IT!



LATER, AS "FLYING TIGER" HAGGERTY MAKES ONE LAST-DITCH EFFORT TO STAY IN THE GAME HE LOVES...

BUT, COLONEL WEBB--YOU **CAN'T** TURN ME DOWN, FLYING'S MY WHOLE LIFE!

SORRY, HAGGERTY... REGULATIONS ARE REGULATIONS, I'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU--BUT I JUST CAN'T...

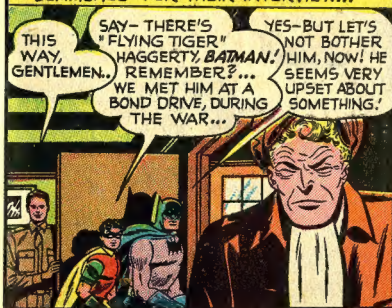


MEANWHILE, IN A WAITING ROOM NEAR COLONEL WEBB'S OFFICE...

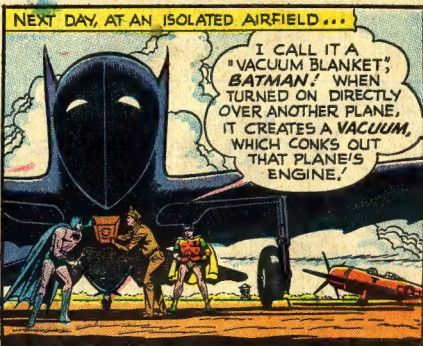
I WONDER WHAT COLONEL WEBB WANTS OF US, BATMAN?

HE DIDN'T SAY! HE JUST TOLD COMMISSIONER GORDON IT WAS A MATTER OF EXTREME **URGENCY** AND **SECRECY**!

PRESENTLY, AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** ARE SUMMONED FOR THEIR INTERVIEW...



AND WHEN THE DYNAMIC DUO IS ALONE WITH COLONEL WEBB...

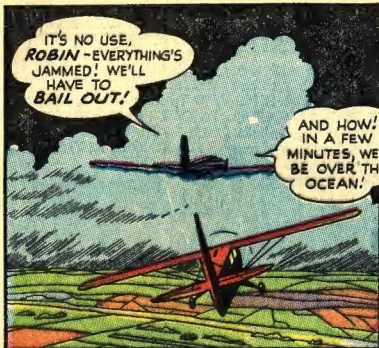


AND AS THEY TAKE TO THE AIR...



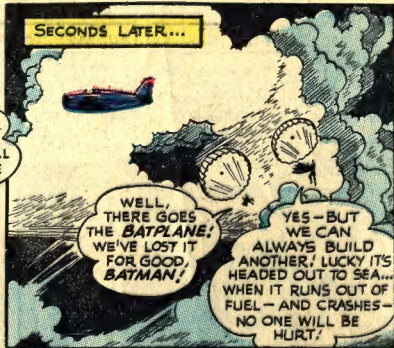
BUT AS **ROBIN** TURNS ON THE NEW WEAPON...





IT'S NO USE, **ROBIN**—EVERYTHING'S JAMMED! WE'LL HAVE TO **BAIL OUT!**

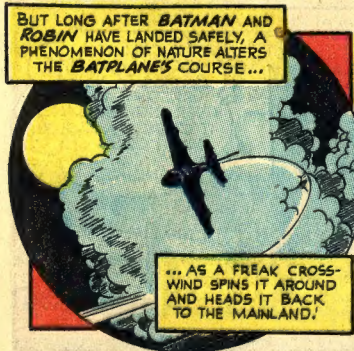
AND HOW! IN A FEW MINUTES, WE'LL BE OVER THE OCEAN!



SECONDS LATER...

WELL, THERE GOES THE **BATPLANE!** WE'VE LOST IT FOR GOOD, **BATMAN!**

YES—BUT WE CAN ALWAYS BUILD ANOTHER! LUCKY IT'S HEADED OUT TO SEA... WHEN IT RUNS OUT OF FUEL—AND CRASHES—NO ONE WILL BE HURT!



BUT LONG AFTER **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** HAVE LANDED SAFELY, A PHENOMENON OF NATURE ALTERS THE **BATPLANE'S** COURSE...

...AS A FREAK CROSS-WIND SPINS IT AROUND AND HEADS IT BACK TO THE MAINLAND!



MEANWHILE, AT A SMALL AIRCRAFT FACTORY, NORTH OF GOTHAM CITY, RUN BY THE THREE BOLEY BROTHERS...

BULL, WE GOT A TIP THE **FEDS** ARE ON TO US, FOR INCOME TAX EVASION!

AND WHEN THEY COME NOSIN' AROUND, THEY'RE SURE TO GET WISE THAT THIS FACTORY IS JUST A **FRONT** FOR OUR **SMUGGLING RACKET!**



AWRIGHT-AWRIGHT! SO WE'LL BLOW THIS JOINT BEFORE THEY COME! NOW, LEMME THINK... HOW'LL WE DO IT?



SUDDENLY...

HUH? THE **BATPLANE!** **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** ARE HERE ALREADY! LET'S LAM!

NO, WAIT A MINUTE—THEY'RE IN TROUBLE! LISTEN TO THE MOTOR—IT'S **CONKING OUT!**

MOMENTS LATER...

LOOK! THE **BATPLANE'S** LANDED, LIGHT AS A FEATHER, IN THOSE PINE TREES. ARE THEY LUCKY!

MAYBE THEY'RE **NOT** SO LUCKY! HERE'S OUR CHANCE TO CATCH 'EM BY SURPRISE! **SHOOT TO KILL!**



BUT WHEN THE CROOKS CHARGE THE BATPLANE...

WHY-IT'S EMPTY! THEY AIN'T HERE! WHAT HAPPENED?

I DON'T KNOW, AND I DON'T CARE! WE JUST GOT OURSELVES A **BATPLANE**.! WHAT AN IDEA THAT GIVES ME!

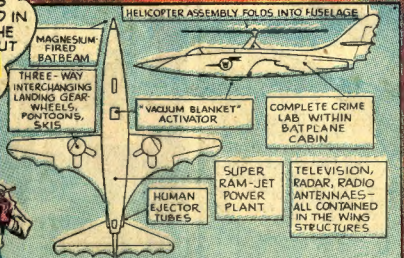


THINK OF THE JOBS WE CAN PULL WITH THE **BATPLANE**.! ALL WE NEED IS A PILOT WHO CAN FIX THE MOTOR! THEN, WE'LL BUILD **TWO MORE BATPLANES** - ONE FOR EACH OF US! **WHY, WE'LL RULE THE CRIME WORLD!**



AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE **BATCAVE**, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, IN THEIR EVERYDAY DISGUISES AS **BRUCE WAYNE** AND HIS YOUNG WARD, **DICK GRAYSON**, COMPLETE PLANS FOR A NEW **BATPLANE...**

COLONEL WEBB HAS CO-OPERATED IN KEEPING THE ACCIDENT OUT OF THE PAPERS, **DICK!**



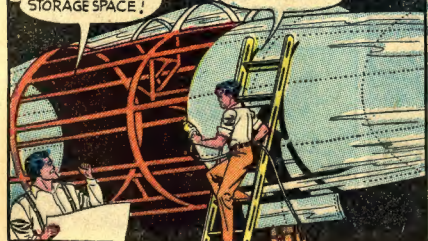
GOOD, **BRUCE!** THERE'S NO SENSE IN LETTING CROOKS KNOW WE HAVEN'T GOT A **BATPLANE**.! WILL THEY BE SURPRISED WHEN THEY SEE THIS NEW ONE! **BOY-IT'S A CORKER!**



AND AS THE DAYS PASS...

A MINATURE BUT COMPLETE CRIME LAB WILL FIT IN HERE, BEHIND IT WILL BE OUR STORAGE SPACE!

HMMM... THAT'S WHERE WE CAN KEEP PROVISIONS, EXTRA UNIFORMS, DUMMIES OF OURSELVES, SPARE EQUIPMENT- AND ALL THE OTHER THINGS THIS TERRIFIC PLANE WILL NEED!



MEANWHILE, AS THINGS GO BADLY FOR "FLYING TIGER" HAGGERTY...

THAT MUST BE THE FLYER THEY TOLD US ABOUT IN THAT FLEA-BAG OF A HOTEL...

YEAH! AN OLD ARMY PILOT WHO'D DO ANYTHING TO FLY AGAIN. AND DON'T FORGET HIS OLD FOLKS, DOWN IN MISSISSIPPI--THAT'S OUR ACE IN THE HOLE!



WHEN THE CROOKS INVITE HAGGERTY FOR A RIDE...

YES, I COULD USE THE JOB! BUT ARE YOU SURE THIS FLYING DEAL YOU'RE OFFERING IS LEGITIMATE?

SURE, PAL! WE DID SOME REPAIRS ON THE **BATPLANE** FOR **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**. NOW, ALL WE NEED IS A FERRY PILOT TO **DELIVER** THE PLANE!



SOON, AT THE BOLEY FACTORY...

GOSH--THE **BATPLANE**! WHAT A SWEET JOB TO FLY!

ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS DELIVER IT TO THE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT... LET'S GO!

HA-HA! HE'S FALLING FOR THE GAG!

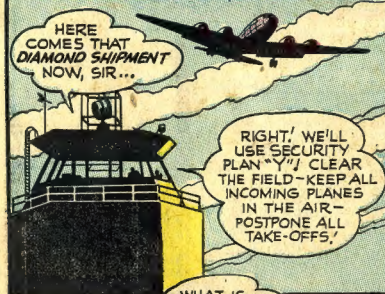


WHILE AT GOTHAM CITY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT...

HERE COMES THAT **DIAMOND SHIPMENT** NOW, SIR...

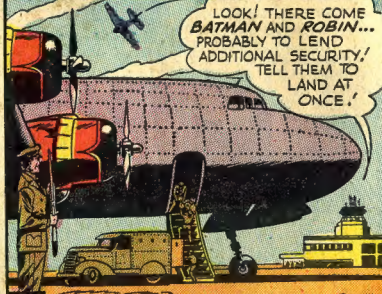
RIGHT! WE'LL USE SECURITY PLAN "Y"! CLEAR THE FIELD--KEEP ALL INCOMING PLANES IN THE AIR--POSTPONE ALL TAKE-OFFS!

WHAT IS THIS!? WHERE'S **BATMAN**?



BUT AS THE TRANSPORT PLANE LANDS...

LOOK! THERE COME **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**... PROBABLY TO LEND ADDITIONAL SECURITY! TELL THEM TO LAND AT ONCE!

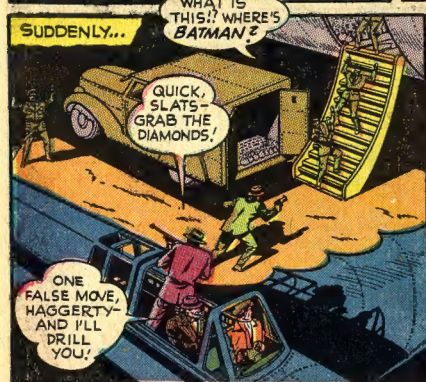


SUDDENLY...

QUICK, SLATS--GRAB THE DIAMONDS!

ONE FALSE MOVE, HAGGERTY--AND I'LL DRILL YOU!

WHAT IS THIS!? WHERE'S **BATMAN**?



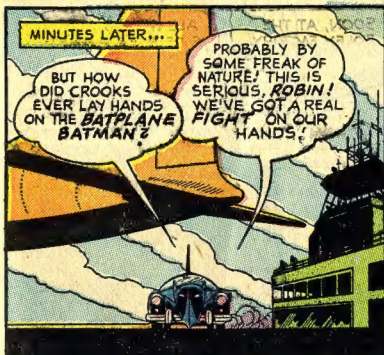
AND AS THE BRASH THIEVES MAKE THEIR GETAWAY...

OKAY, HAGGERTY--TAKE OFF! AND DON'T TRY TO BE A HERO! WE KNOW ALL ABOUT YOUR OLD FOLKS DOWN IN MISSISSIPPI...

YEAH--WE GOT FRIENDS DOWN THERE! YOU PLAY BALL OR YOU'LL NEVER SEE YOUR FAMILY AGAIN!

YOU RATS!





MINUTES LATER...

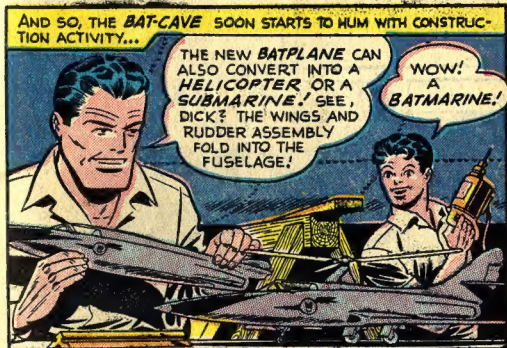
BUT HOW DID CROOKS EVER LAY HANDS ON THE BATPLANE BATMAN?

PROBABLY BY SOME FREAK OF NATURE! THIS IS SERIOUS, ROBIN! WE'VE GOT A REAL FIGHT ON OUR HANDS!



NO - I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE ANY OF THE CROOKS! BUT I COULDN'T MISTAKE THEIR PILOT - HE WAS "FLYING TIGER." HAGGERTY!

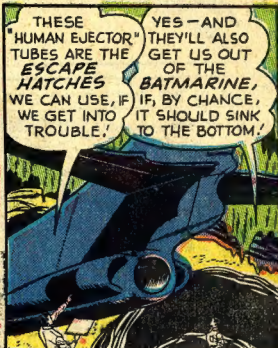
HAGGERTY! WE KNEW HE WAS DOWN AND OUT, BUT WE NEVER FIGURED HE'D TAKE UP WITH CRIMINALS! ROBIN, YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS... WE MUST FINISH OUR NEW PLANE AHEAD OF SCHEDULE!



AND SO, THE BAT-CAVE SOON STARTS TO HUM WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY...

THE NEW BATPLANE CAN ALSO CONVERT INTO A HELICOPTER OR A SUBMARINE! SEE, DICK? THE WINGS AND RUDDER ASSEMBLY FOLD INTO THE FUSELAGE!

WOW! A BATMARINE!



THESE "HUMAN EJECTOR" TUBES ARE THE ESCAPE HATCHES WE CAN USE, IF WE GET INTO TROUBLE!

YES - AND THEY'LL ALSO GET US OUT OF THE BATMARINE, IF, BY CHANCE, IT SHOULD SINK TO THE BOTTOM!



BUT ELSEWHERE, OTHER BATPLANES ARE ALSO TAKING SHAPE...

IN ANOTHER WEEK, THEY'LL BE FINISHED, BULL!

GOOD. I HEAR BATMAN IS BUILDING A NEW PLANE! BUT WAIT TILL WE MEET HIM, THREE BATPLANES AGAINST ONE!



BY THE WAY, HAGGERTY, I GOT A LETTER, HERE, FROM MY FRIEND IN MISSISSIPPI! HE'S KEEPIN' A SHARP EYE ON YOUR FOLKS - WANNA READ IT?

DON'T RUB IT IN, BULL! I'M WORKING FOR YOU... ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?



DAYS LATER...

THERE IT IS, DICK- THE NEW **BATPLANE!** COMPLETE WITH JET-PROPULSION, TELEVISION, RADAR, CRIME LAB...

... "VACUUM BLANKET," **BATMARINE**, EJECTORS, THE **BAT-BEAM** - GOSH, BRUCE - WE COULD GO ON AND ON."

ABRUPTLY...

FLASH! A **BATPLANE**, BELIEVED TO BE THE ONE IN POSSESSION OF CRIMINALS, HAS BEEN SIGHTED IN THE AIR, NORTH OF GOTHAM CITY...

WHAT?! WE DIDN'T FINISH A MOMENT TOO SOON!

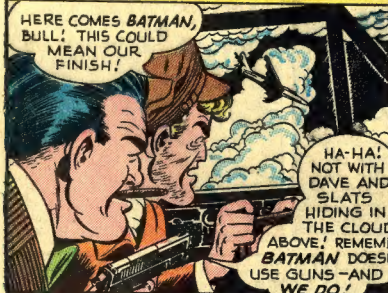
DICK! IT'S TIME FOR **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** TO TRY OUT THEIR NEW PLANE!



SUDDENLY, AS THE COLORFUL CRIME-BUSTERS APPROACH **BULL'S PLANE**...

SOON, IN THE SKIES OVER GOTHAM CITY...

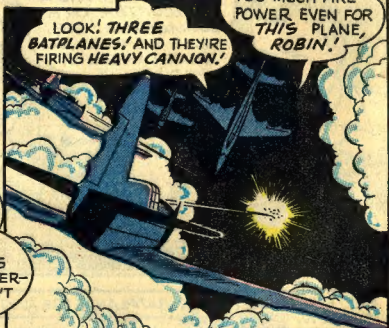
HERE COMES **BATMAN**, **BULL**! THIS COULD MEAN OUR FINISH!



HA-HA! NOT WITH DAVE AND SLATS HIDING IN THE CLOUDS ABOVE! REMEMBER- **BATMAN** DOESN'T USE GUNS - AND WE DO!

LOOK! **THREE BATPLANES!** AND THEY'RE FIRING HEAVY CANNON!

TOO MUCH FIRE-POWER, EVEN FOR **THIS PLANE, ROBIN!**

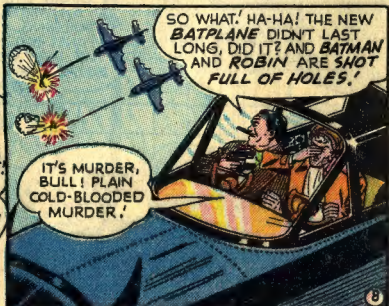


WITHIN SECONDS, SMOKE POURS FROM THE **NEW BATPLANE**, AND...



NICE AIM, BOYS! YOU SET 'EM AFIRE AND THEY'RE BAILING OUT! WHAT A TARGET THEY'LL MAKE, FLOATING DOWN TO EARTH!

SO WHAT! HA-HA! THE NEW **BATPLANE** DIDN'T LAST LONG, DID IT? AND **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** ARE SHOT FULL OF HOLES!



IT'S MURDER, **BULL**! PLAIN COLD-BLOODED MURDER!

BUT AS THE NEW **BATPLANE** HITS THE WATER AND CHANGES INTO THE **BATMARINE**...

THOSE DUMMIES AND THE SMOKE BOMB WE RELEASED FOOLED THEM! I STILL HEAR THEM ON THE RADIO...THEY THINK WE'RE DEAD!

IT'S NO FUN TO RUN FROM A FIGHT, BUT IT'S OUR BEST STRATEGY! WE'LL DO BETTER TAKING THEM **ONE AT A TIME!**

THINKING US OUT OF THE WAY, THEY'LL PROBABLY FEEL THERE'S NO NEED TO COME OUT IN FORCE! THEY'LL STRIKE WITH ONE PLANE AT A TIME!

... AND THAT'S WHEN THEY'LL FALL INTO OUR TRAP!

NEXT DAY, AS THE LUXURY YACHT "TROY" CRUISES OFF-SHORE, WITH A GALA PARTY ABOARD...

LOOK--A **BATPLANE!** WHAT'S IT DOING?

HAVEN'T YOU READ THE PAPERS? A **CROOK** CONTROLS THAT PLANE NOW!

A MESSAGE FROM THAT PLANE, SIR! HE ORDERS US TO CHANGE COURSE --TO PUT IN AT BLACK HOOK COVE-- OR HE'LL SINK US WITH BOMBS OR CANNON!

WHY--THE **PIRATE!** THERE'S A **FORTUNE** ABOARD THIS VESSEL! HE CAN'T GET AWAY WITH IT... **RADIO FOR HELP!**

BUT BEFORE A MESSAGE CAN BE SENT THROUGH...

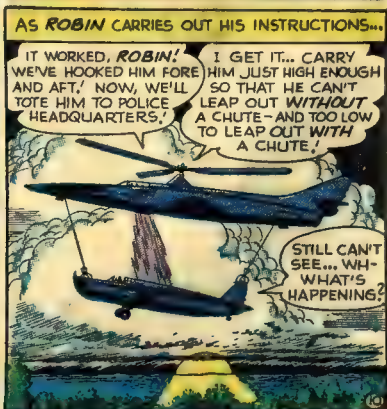
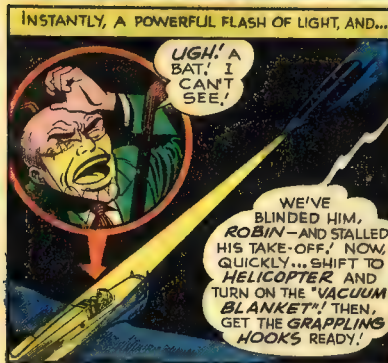
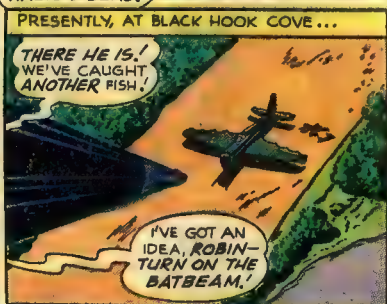
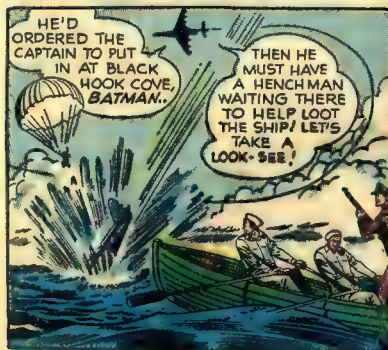
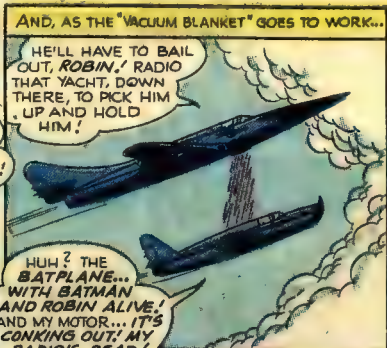
HE'S TUNED TO OUR RADIO CHANNEL, SIR! HE SAYS IF HE HEARS ONE PEEP OF AN SOS, HE'LL SINK US ON THE SPOT!

GOOD GRIEF! HE MEANS BUSINESS, AND I CAN'T RISK THE LIVES OF MY PASSENGERS! WE'LL HAVE TO OBEY!

MEANWHILE, AS BRUCE AND DICK MAINTAIN A CONSTANT VIGIL BEFORE A HUGE **RADAR SCREEN** IN THE **BATCAVE**...

THERE IT IS...THE OUTLINE OF A **BATPLANE!**

ACCORDING TO THE CO-ORDINATES, HE'S OUT AT SEA! COME ON-- TIME TO GET STARTED AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN!**



THAT NIGHT, ON THE ROOF OF POLICE HEADQUARTERS--

A T-MAN IDENTIFIED THE TWO MEN YOU CAPTURED AS SLATS AND DAVE BOLEY. THEY'VE GOT A BROTHER, BULL, AT AN AIRCRAFT FACTORY NORTH OF HERE...

THAT'S OUR MAN... AND HAGGERTY'S UNDOUBTEDLY WITH HIM. THANKS, COMMISSIONER--LET'S GO, ROBIN!



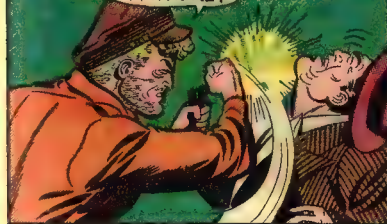
MEANWHILE, AT THE BOLEY FACTORY...

THEY GOT MY BROTHERS--BUT THEY AIN'T GETTIN' ME! C'MON, HAGGERTY--YOU'RE FLYIN' ME TO MEXICO!



ABRUPTLY...

YOU FORGOT SOMETHING, BULL! WITH YOUR BROTHERS IN JAIL, WHO'S GOING TO TIP OFF YOUR FRIENDS IN MISSISSIPPI, NOW THAT I'M NOT PLAYING BALL ANYMORE?



SECONDS LATER...

WHAT A PLEASURE IT'LL BE TO TURN YOU OVER TO BATMAN, YOU RAT!



BUT IN THE SKIES OVER GOTHAM CITY, AS THE TWO BATPLANES MEET...

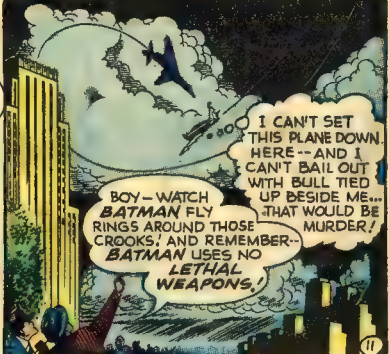
WE'VE GOT THEM BOTH, ROBIN--BOLEY AND HAGGERTY! LET'S JUST RUN THEM RAGGED, UNTIL WE CAN FORCE THEM DOWN ON AN OPEN FIELD!

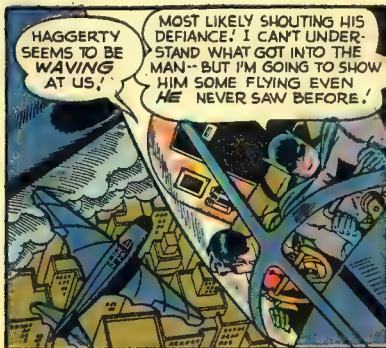
BATMAN! BATMAN! DON'T--I'M A FRIEND... A FRIEND!



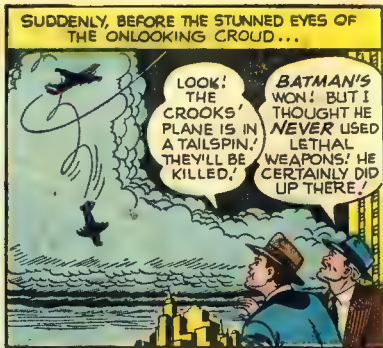
BOY--WATCH BATMAN FLY RINGS AROUND THOSE CROOKS! AND REMEMBER--BATMAN USES NO LETHAL WEAPONS!

I CAN'T SET THIS PLANE DOWN HERE--AND I CAN'T BAIL OUT WITH BULL TIED UP BESIDE ME... THAT WOULD BE MURDER!

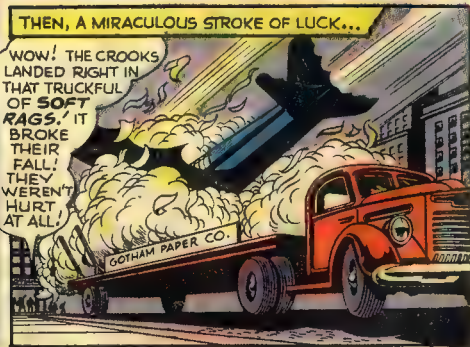




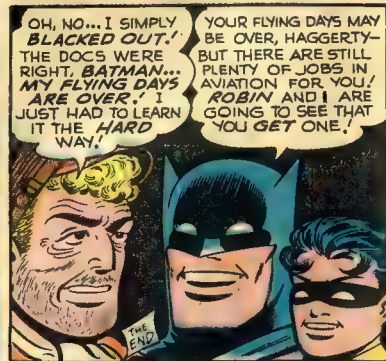
MOST LIKELY SHOUTING HIS DEFIANCE! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT GOT INTO THE MAN-- BUT I'M GOING TO SHOW HIM SOME FLYING EVEN HE NEVER SAW BEFORE!



SUDDENLY, BEFORE THE STUNNED EYES OF THE ONLOOKING CROUD...



THEN, A MIRACULOUS STROKE OF LUCK...



OH, NO... I SIMPLY BLACKED OUT! THE DOGS WERE RIGHT. BATMAN... MY FLYING DAYS ARE OVER! I JUST HAD TO LEARN IT THE HARD WAY!

YOUR FLYING DAYS MAY BE OVER, HAGGERTY-- BUT THERE ARE STILL PLENTY OF JOBS IN AVIATION FOR YOU! ROBIN AND I ARE GOING TO SEE THAT YOU GET ONE!

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Says ALFRED LETOURNER WORLD'S CHAMPION
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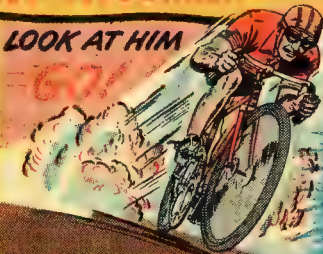
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"HANGMAN'S HOUSE!"

TRINIDAD!

WHERE THE DELIVERY OF AN INNOCENT BOX OF CHOCOLATES
HURLS ROSS PAGE, RADIO OPERATOR OF THE STAR OF AFRICA,
INTO FATAL...
"TROUBLE IN TRINIDAD!"

LONDON!

WHERE MATTY RAVEN, PRIVATE EYE, SEARCHING FOR A MISSING
MAN, UNEXPECTEDLY FINDS HIMSELF THE OBJECT OF A SAVAGE
MAN HUNT... HUNTED BY...
**"SHADOWS
OVER
LONDON!"**

ARGENTINA!

WHERE TEX WILLIAMS
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BATMAN



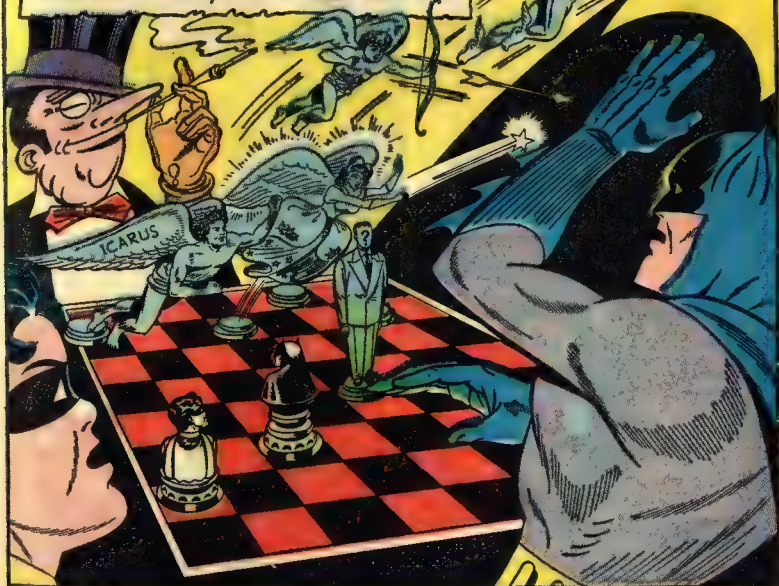
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WITH
ROBIN

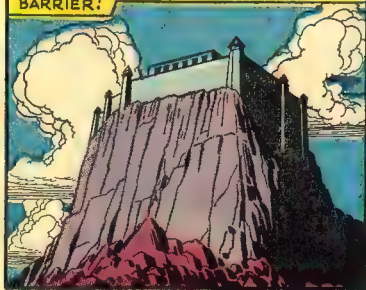
ONCE AGAIN, THE **PENGUIN**, THAT DROLL LITTLE CROOK WHO USES **UMBRELLAS** AND **BIRDS** FOR CRIME, RETURNS FOR A NEW DUEL OF WITS WITH **BATMAN AND ROBIN**!

ONLY THIS TIME, INSTEAD OF OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS, HIS PARTNERS IN CRIME ARE **PEOPLE**... FAMOUS **WINGED** PEOPLE OF HISTORY AND LEGEND! HOW DO **ICARUS**, **MERCURY**, **CUPID** AND EVEN **CINDERELLA'S** FAIRY GODMOTHER FIGURE IN THE BIRDLIKE, BANDIT'S LATEST PLOT? READ ON, AND SEE FOR YOURSELF, AS **BATMAN** TRIES TO SOLVE...

"The MYSTERY of the WINGED PEOPLE!"



ATOP A STEEP CLIFF, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF GOTHAM CITY, STANDS SUMMIT PENITENTIARY--ESCAPE-PROOF BECAUSE OF ITS NATURAL BARRIER!



ONE PEEVED INMATE IS THAT OILY BIRD OF CRIME-- THE PENGUIN!

HOW'S IT LIKE TO BE CAGED, BIRD MAN? HA, HA!

AW, HE'S JUST GIVIN' HIS WINGS A REST-- AIN'T YOU, PENGUIN?

SCOFF IF YOU WILL, YOU FOOLS... BUT HUMANS WITH WINGS ARE FAMOUS! TAKE THE STATUE OF WINGED VICTORY... AND SWIFT MERCURY, WHO HAD WINGS ON HIS ANKLES!



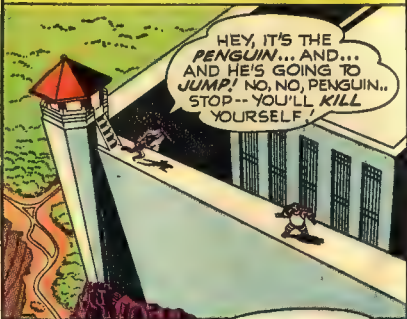
TOO BAD YOU CAN'T GET ONE O' YOUR WINGED PALS TO FLY YOU OFF THIS ROCK, EH, BIRD-BRAIN?

HUH? YOU MUST'VE GONE STIR-CRAZY, PENGUIN!

AH, YOU LAUGH-- BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I PLAN TO DO!



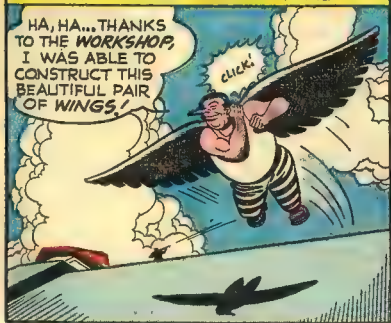
AND ONE DAY, ABOUT A WEEK LATER...



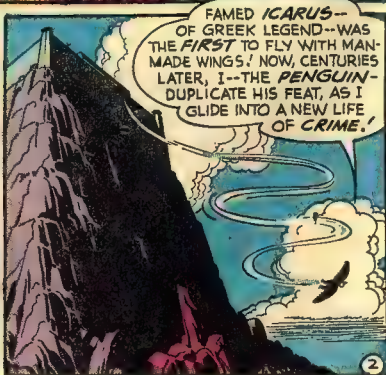
HEY, IT'S THE PENGUIN... AND... AND HE'S GOING TO JUMP! NO, NO, PENGUIN.. STOP-- YOU'LL KILL YOURSELF!

BUT AS HE LEAPS, THE PENGUIN RELEASES A CATCH ON HIS SHOULDER, AND--

HA, HA... THANKS TO THE WORKSHOP, I WAS ABLE TO CONSTRUCT THIS BEAUTIFUL PAIR OF WINGS!



FAMED ICARUS-- OF GREEK LEGEND-- WAS THE FIRST TO FLY WITH MAN-MADE WINGS! NOW, CENTURIES LATER, I--THE PENGUIN-- DUPLICATE HIS FEAT, AS I GLIDE INTO A NEW LIFE OF CRIME!



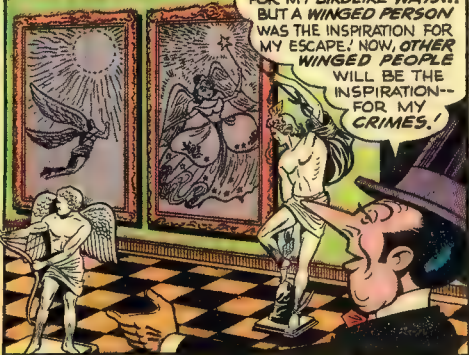
LATER, WHEN THE JAUNTY PENGUIN REACHES HIS BIZARRE HIDEAWAY...

GREETINGS, PAL PELICAN!
AH, SING JOYOUSLY, LITTLE
NIGHTINGALE--YOUR MASTER
IS HOME!



AND IN ANOTHER ROOM...

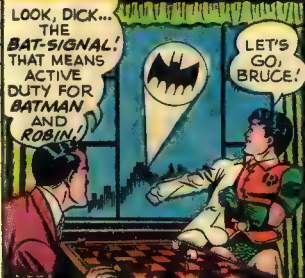
THE WORLD LAUGHS AT ME
FOR MY BIRDLIKE WAYS...
BUT A WINGED PERSON
WAS THE INSPIRATION FOR
MY ESCAPE! NOW, OTHER
WINGED PEOPLE
WILL BE THE
INSPIRATION--
FOR MY CRIMES!



AFTERWARD, AT THE HOME OF
SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND
HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

LOOK, DICK...
THE
BAT-SIGNAL!
THAT MEANS
ACTIVE
DUTY FOR
BATMAN
AND
ROBIN!

LET'S
GO,
BRUCE!

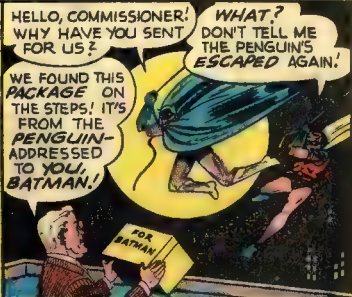


SWITCHING TO THEIR
FAMED
COLORFUL
COSTUMES,
BRUCE AND
DICK SOON
PLUMMET
TO THE
ROOF OF
POLICE
HEADQUARTERS
AS BATMAN
AND
ROBIN...

HELLO, COMMISSIONER!
WHY HAVE YOU SENT
FOR US?

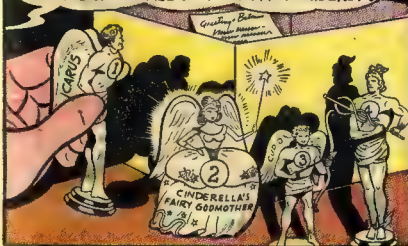
WHAT?
DON'T TELL ME
THE PENGUIN'S
ESCAPED AGAIN!

WE FOUND THIS
PACKAGE ON
THE STEPS! IT'S
FROM THE
PENGUIN--
ADDRESSED
TO YOU,
BATMAN!



WHEN BATMAN OPENS THE PACKAGE...

I DON'T GET IT... SMALL STATUETTES...
LIKE CHESS PIECES! NOTICE, ALL OF
THEM ARE WINGED! THERE'S MERCURY,
CUPID, CINDERELLA'S FAIRY GODMOTHER,
ICARUS... AND ALL OF THEM ARE NUMBERED!



AND A NOTE READS...

Greetings, Batman:
I challenge you to a game
of "chess" with these
pieces! I've already made
my first move, with
Scarus... My second move
will be with the Fairy
Godmother! Can you
block that move and
checkmate my Winged
People Crimes?
Start thinking...

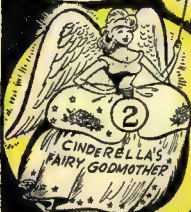
LATER, BACK AT THE WAYNE MANSION...

BUT, **BATMAN** ...THIS LAST FIGURE HAS NO WINGS, AND INSTEAD OF A NAME AND FEATURES, IT HAS A QUESTION MARK ON A BLANK FACE!

STRANGE! HOW CAN SOMEONE WITHOUT WINGS BELONG IN THE WINGED PEOPLE CRIMES?



IT'S QUITE A MYSTERY... BUT RIGHT NOW, OUR PROBLEM IS TO OUT-THINK THE PENGUIN ON HIS NEXT MOVE WITH THIS WINGED PERSON!



AT THAT MOMENT, ON A POPULAR TELEVISION "GIVEAWAY" SHOW...

SUSAN HOGARTH, TYPIST, I, THE PROGRAM'S "FAIRY GODMOTHER" CHOOSE YOU AS "CINDERELLA FOR A NIGHT"! I WAVE MY "MAGIC WAND" AND BEHOLD... YOU SHALL BE GARBED IN FINERY!

OH... AN ERMINE WRAP, AN EVENING GOWN, JEWELS... OH~ MY...



LATER, AS PART OF HER PRIZE, "CINDERELLA" IS ESCORTED TO A NIGHT CLUB, AND AFTERWARD...

IT'S MIDNIGHT, MY DEAR~ TIME TO LEAVE THE PARTY! HERE IS YOUR DRIVER AND PUMPKIN COACH AWAITING YOUR COMMAND!

The GLASS SLIPPER

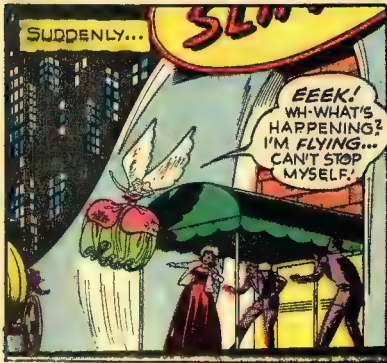
OH, IT'S BEEN LIKE A FAIRY TALE COME TRUE!



SUDDENLY...

SLIPPER

EEEK! WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING? I'M FLYING... CAN'T STOP MYSELF!



THEN, IN THE CONFUSION, AS THE "FAIRY" DANGLES HELPLESSLY...

HA, HA! AT EXACTLY MIDNIGHT THE STORYBOOK CINDERELLA'S FINERY DISAPPEARED... AND SO MUST YOURS!

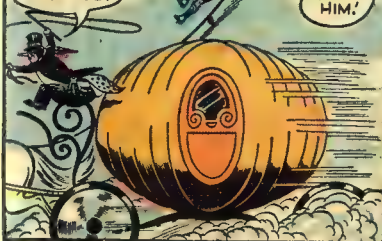
HELP... GET ME DOWN... HELP!



BUT AS THE PENGUIN DRIVES OFF...

THOSE METAL WINGS CERTAINLY "FLEW" RIGHT UP TO THE **ELECTRO-MAGNET** I RIGGED INSIDE THAT NEON SIGN! HA, HA! GIDDYAP, PEGASUS!

THERE HE GOES, **ROBIN!** QUICK... AFTER HIM!



THE **PENGUIN** LEAPS—AND FROM HIS TRICK UMBRELLA, A SHARP BLADE FLASHES DOWN ONCE... TWICE... AND...

HE'S CUT THE TRACES!

NOW, PEGASUS—LET'S FLY!



"CINDERELLA" AND "FAIRY GOD-MOTHER"—AN EASY CLUE TO TRACK DOWN, PUDGY!

BAH! NOW, I'LL HAVE TO LEAVE MY BAG OF LOOT BEHIND... I'LL NEED **BOTH** HANDS FOR MY ESCAPE!



AT A ROCKET-LIKE CLIP, THE RUNAWAY COACH WITH ITS CLINGING PASSENGERS HURTTLES DOWN THE STEEP STREET!

SHALL WE JUMP?

NO... NOT UNTIL WE MAKE SURE THE COACH DOESN'T RUN INTO A CAR OR PEDESTRIAN!



AS THE SWAYING COACH CATAPULTS WILDLY, **ROBIN** ARCHES HIS AGILE BODY AND HANGS, HEAD DOWN...

CAN YOU REACH THE **STEERING BOARD** NOW?

GOT IT! BUT THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE EASY!



SLOWLY, STEADILY, THE **BOY WONDER'S** STRONG HANDS FIGHT THE SPINNING WHEELS, GUIDING THEM TOWARD A WALL, WHERE ...

REMAND ME TO THANK THE **PENGUIN**--HIS WHIP MADE A FINE LASSO!

CRASH!

AND WHEN **BATMAN** RETURNS "**CINDERELLA'S**" FINERY, HE GETS HIS REWARD!

ONLY ONE THING WAS MISSING FROM MY "**CINDERELLA**" STORY-- YOU-- MY **PRINCE CHARMING!**

ULP!

HEH, HEH!

PRESENTLY, IN THE **BATCAVE**...

WELL, WE FIGURED OUT **THAT** CRIME EASILY!

BUT WE'RE STILL STALEMATED OVER THIS **WINGLESS PERSON!** IF THE **PENGUIN'S** CRIMES CONCERN **WINGED** PEOPLE, HOW DOES THIS PIECE FIT?

OH WELL...NO USE CONCENTRATING ON **PUZZLES** WHILE THE **PENGUIN'S** PLOTTING ANOTHER CRIME! WE'VE GOT TO AVERT HIS NEXT MOVE... AND THIS IS IT--THE **CUPID!**



NEXT DAY...

HELLO, POLICE DEPARTMENT? THIS IS **ROBER'S PAINT SHOP!** THE **PENGUIN** JUST LEFT MY STORE... HE BOUGHT A CAN OF **BRONZE COLORED PAINT!**

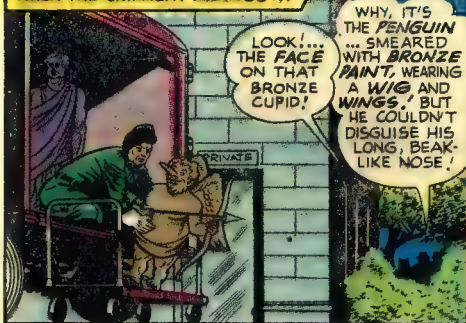
WHAT! THANKS, MR. ROBER... WE'LL ALERT **BATMAN** IMMEDIATELY!

LATER, AT THE **GOTHAM ART MUSEUM**...

THE MUSEUM'S EXPECTING A SHIPMENT OF SCULPTURES, AND AMONG THEM IS A **BRONZE STATUE OF **CUPID!****

WHICH MEANS THE **PENGUIN** IS BOUND TO COME AFTER IT! WE'LL HIDE IN THESE BUSHES TILL HE SHOWS UP!

WHEN THE SHIPMENT ARRIVES ...



WHY, IT'S THE PENGUIN ... SMEARED WITH BRONZE PAINT, WEARING A WIG AND WINGS, BUT HE COULDN'T DISGUISE HIS LONG, BEAK-LIKE NOSE!

YOUR HUNCH WAS RIGHT, **BATMAN**! BY POSING AS A STATUE, THE PENGUIN'S GETTING HIMSELF WHEELED INTO THE MUSEUM'S STOREROOM OF VALUABLE ART!

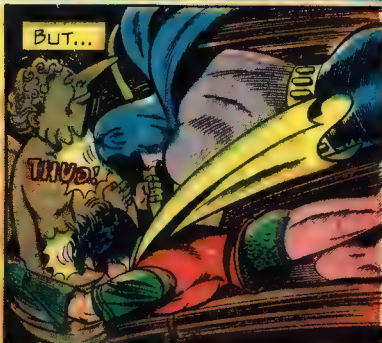
WE'LL TRAP HIM INSIDE, SIR!



AS THE SHIPMENT REACHES THE STOREROOM, A SIGNAL IS GIVEN, THEN...



BUT...



TH- THEY'RE KNOCKED OUT!?

NO WONDER! THEY SMACKED INTO REAL BRONZE, THE PENGUIN TRICKED US! HE CAST THIS SCULPTURE WITH HIS FEATURES, AND HE DELIBERATELY LET HIMSELF BE SEEN BUYING BRONZE PAINT SO THAT WE'D MAKE THIS MISTAKE!

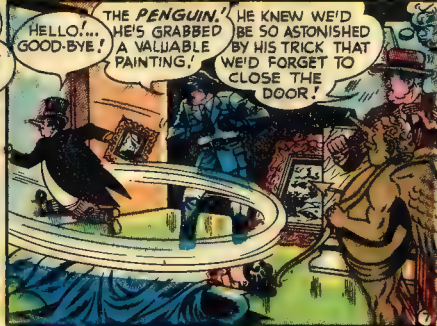


ABRUPTLY, THROUGH THE OPEN DOOR...

HELLO!... GOOD-BYE!

THE PENGUIN, HE'S GRABBED A VALUABLE PAINTING!

HE KNEW WE'D BE SO ASTONISHED BY HIS TRICK THAT WE'D FORGET TO CLOSE THE DOOR!



LATER, WHEN BATMAN AND ROBIN RECOVER...

THE PENGUIN WELL, HE TRICKED US THIS TIME, BUT WON'T AGAIN, BATMAN. WINGED PEOPLE CRIME INVOLVES THE GREEK IDOL, MERCURY... WE MUST BE READY FOR IT!



NEXT DAY, AT GOTHAM CITY STADIUM...

I'VE GOT THE STADIUM SURROUNDED, BATMAN! THE PENGUIN MAY GET IN, BUT HE'LL NEVER GET OUT!

THE TRAP SHOULD WORK, IF HE STRIKES HERE! BUT MIND YOU, I SAID 'IF'!

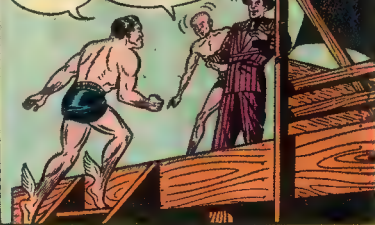


WHILE ELSEWHERE, AT A SIDESHOW ON AN OPEN CARNIVAL LOT...

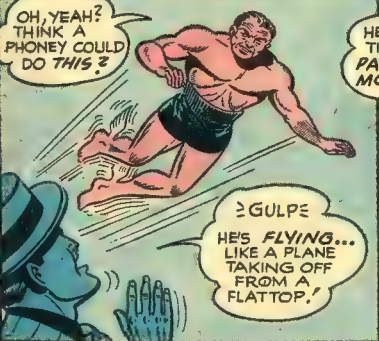
SURE, OUR "WINGED WONDER" IS A PHONEY, BUT THE CROWD THINKS HE'S REAL! HE'S OUR STAR ATTRACTION! NOW IT'S NEARLY STARTING TIME - AND HE'S SICK!



JUST THEN... LOOK! HE'S GOT WINGS ON HIS FEET... IMPOSSIBLE! THOSE WINGS MUST BE PHONEY... LIKE ANTON'S!



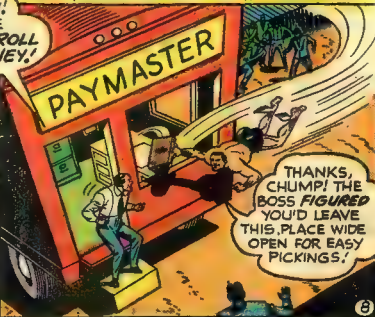
OH, YEAH? THINK A PHONEY COULD DO THIS?



HEY! THE PAYROLL MONEY!

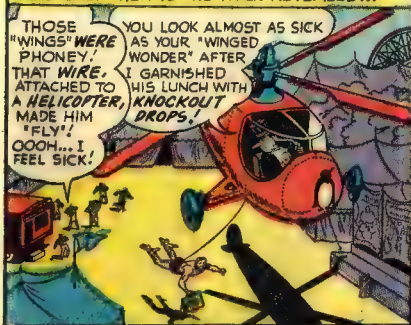
≥GULPE< HE'S FLYING... LIKE A PLANE TAKING OFF FROM A FLATTOP!

AS EVERYBODY RUSHES OUT TO VIEW THE SIGHT, INCLUDING THE PAYMASTER...

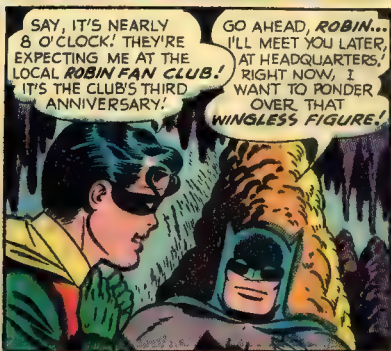
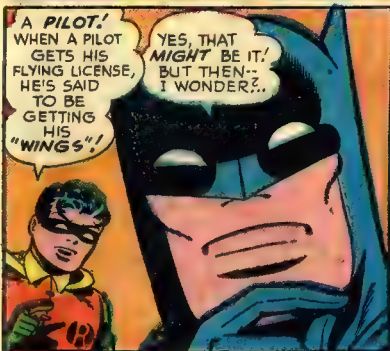
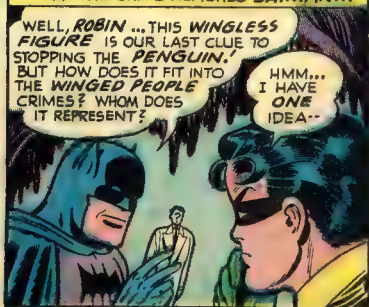


THANKS, CHUMP! THE BOSS FIGURED YOU'D LEAVE THIS PLACE WIDE OPEN FOR EASY PICKINGS!

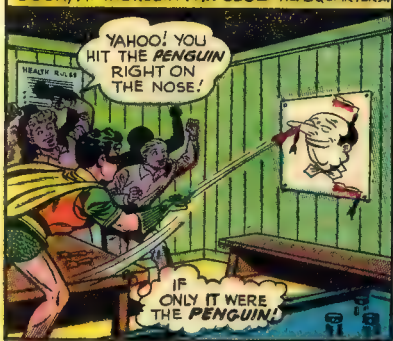
AND ONLY THEN IS THE TRICK REVEALED...



LATER, IN THE *BAT-CAVE*, WHEN NEWS OF THE CRIME REACHES *BATMAN*...

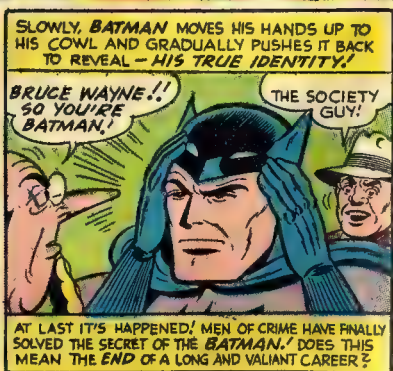
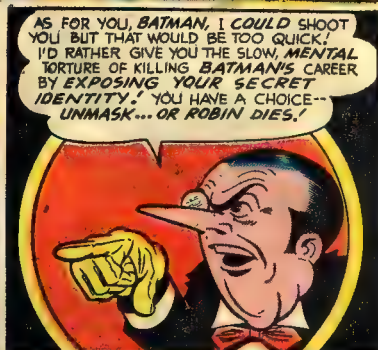
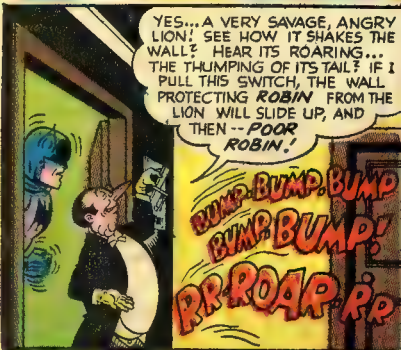
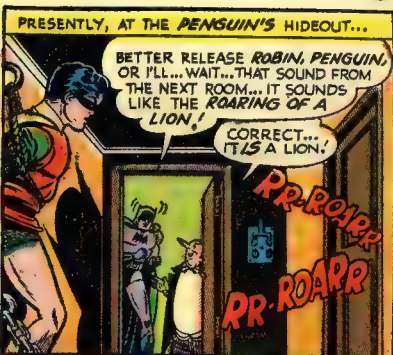
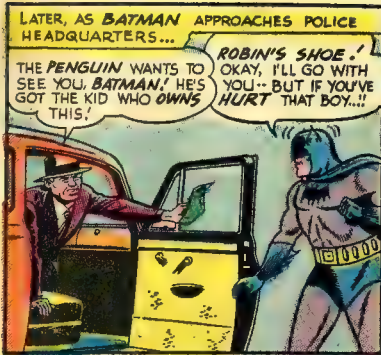


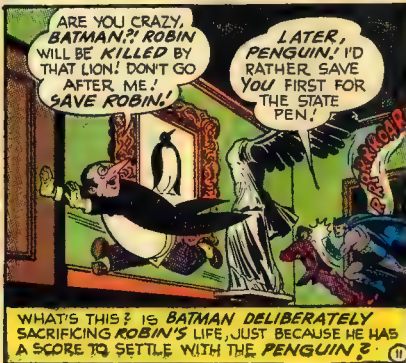
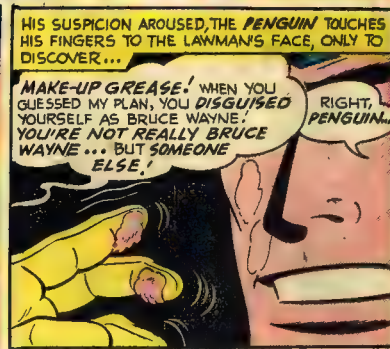
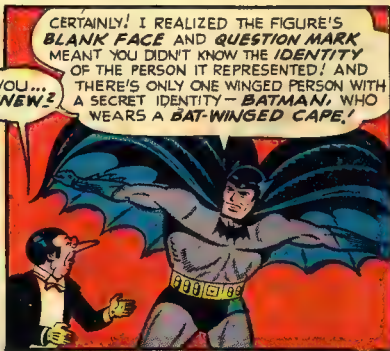
SOON, AT THE *ROBIN FAN CLUB* HEADQUARTERS...



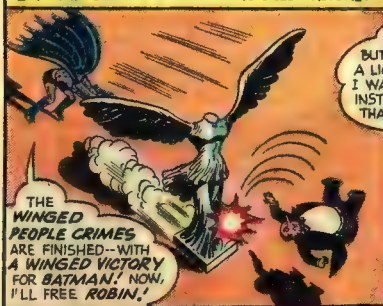
AFTERWARD, AS *ROBIN* LEAVES THE CLUB...





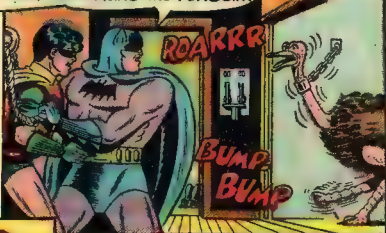


DARTING AT THE STATUE OF **WINGED VICTORY**, **BATMAN** SENDS IT ROLLING ON ITS OILED CASTORS...



ROBIN ♫ YES... AND STILL ALIVE! BUT INSTEAD OF A ROARING LION...

JUST AS I FIGURED... AN **OSTRICH**! IT'S NOT A COMMONLY KNOWN FACT... BUT AN ANGRY OSTRICH BELLOWS JUST LIKE A LION! KNOWING THE PENGUIN AS I DO, I WAS **SURE** HE'D USE A BIRD ANYTIME INSTEAD OF AN ANIMAL! AFTER ALL, THAT'S WHY HE'S CALLED THE **PENGUIN**!



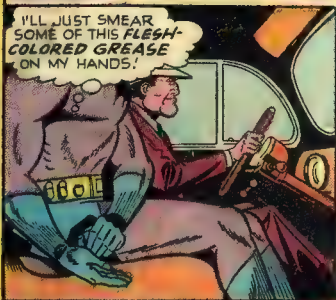
LATER, IN THE **BATCAVE**...

YOU SEE, I REALLY DID FIGURE OUT THE MEANING OF THAT **WINGLESS FIGURE**, AND I WAS ON MY WAY TO TELL YOU ABOUT IT AT HEADQUARTERS! BUT **PENGUIN'S** THUG GOT TO ME FIRST!



"IMMEDIATELY, I REALIZED THE **PENGUIN'S** PLAN -- SO WHILE DRIVING IN THIS THUG'S CAR, I MANAGED TO SNEAK MY **MAKE-UP VIAL** FROM MY UTILITY BELT..."

I'LL JUST SMEAR SOME OF THIS **FLESH-COLORED GREASE** ON MY HANDS!



LATER, WHEN I HAD TO REMOVE MY COWL, I BROUGHT MY HANDS UP IN SUCH A WAY THAT I WAS ABLE TO SMEAR MY FACE AT THE SAME TIME!

NOW I GET IT! WHEN THE **PENGUIN** TOUCHED YOUR FACE AND RUBBED OFF SOME MAKE-UP GREASE, HE THOUGHT YOU **REALLY** WERE MADE UP!



MEANWHILE, IN A NEARBY JAIL...

YES, **BATMAN** OUTSMARTED ME AGAIN! ALL I'VE LEARNED ABOUT HIM IS THAT HE'S **NOT** BRUCE WAYNE! **HMM...** I WONDER WHO HE **REALLY** IS?



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YOU'RE MY BROTHER, SO I KNOW I CAN TRUST THESE JEWELS WITH YOU. I'LL BE BACK WHEN THIS AFFAIR BLOWS OVER.

I'LL BURY THEM FOR YOU.

"BUT THE BROTHER GOT GREEDY, AND TOOK 184 CARATS IN DIAMONDS TO A FENCE WHO RAN A BAR IN LAKEWOOD, N.J."

"ON THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 20, 1950 AT 2:30 A.M. IN A CULVERT NEAR LAKEWOOD..."

YOU CAN HAVE THESE DIAMONDS CHEAP. THEY'RE "HOT."

I KNOW. I'M AN INVESTIGATOR FOR THE CUSTOMS SERVICE. YOU'RE UNDER ARREST.

I'LL SHADOW THE BROTHER. WE MAY GET A LEAD FOR THE REST OF THE STONES.

DON'T SHOOT! I GIVE UP.

LOOKS LIKE THE REST OF THE DIAMONDS ARE HERE. GUESS THIS WINDS UP THE CASE.

WHAT A CASE! LUCKY YOU HAD DEPENDABLE STRONG LIGHT UNDER THAT CULVERT.

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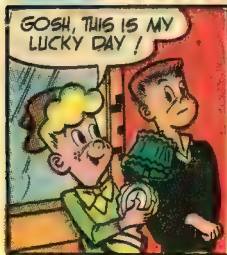
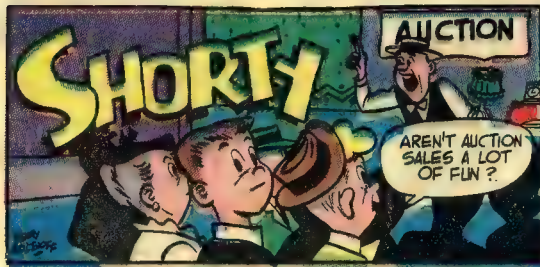
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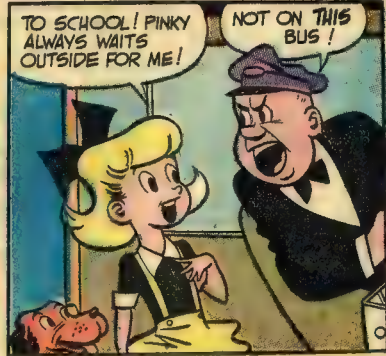
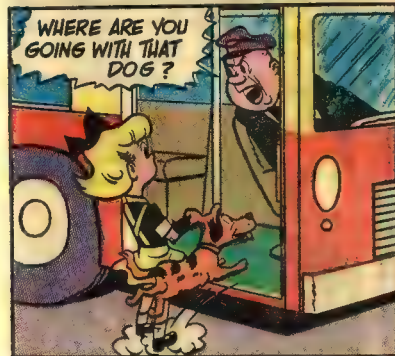
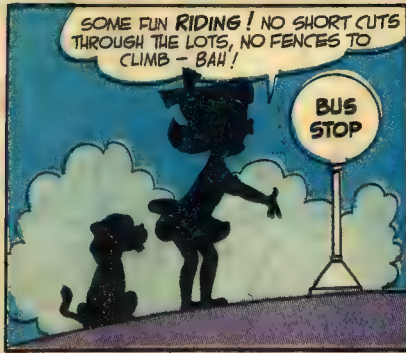
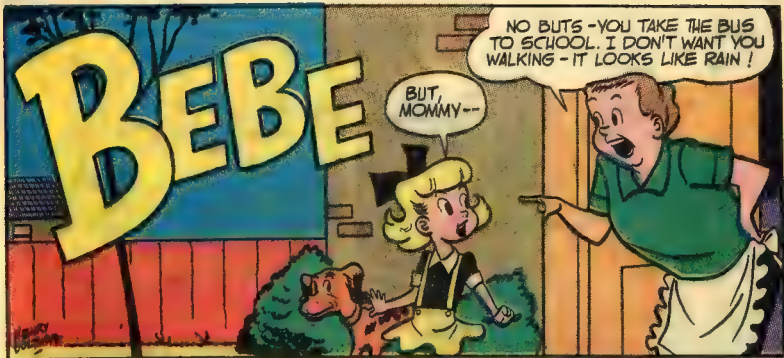
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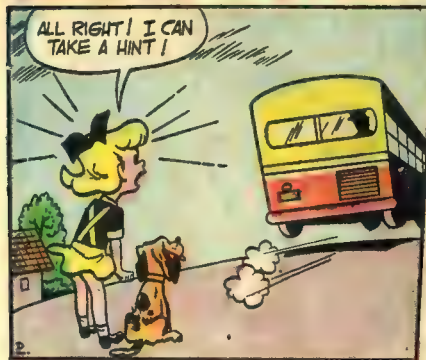
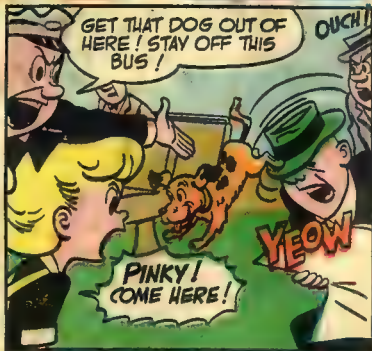
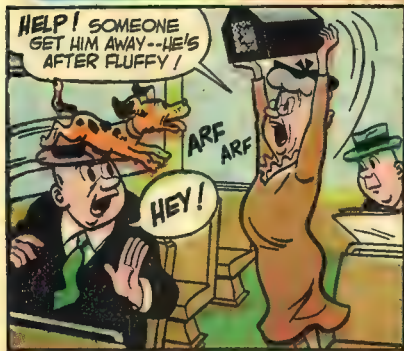
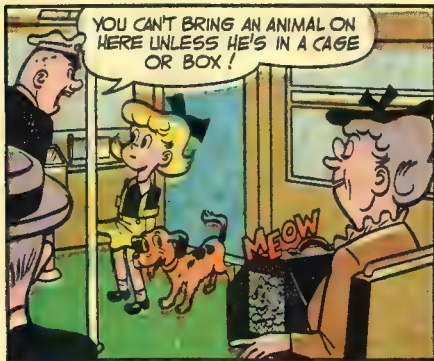
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Q. What signer of the Declaration of Independence was identified with American Railroad history?

A. On July 4, 1828, Charles Carroll, 91 years of age, the only living signer of the Declaration of Independence, participated in the historic ceremony of the laying of the first stone in the construction of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Baltimore, Md. The Revolutionary patriot delivered a speech on that occasion in which he said: "I consider this among the most important acts of my life; second only to my signing the Declaration of Independence. . . ."

Q. What was the origin of the cowcatcher?

A. This strictly American feature was the invention of Isaac Dripps, a young mechanical engineer employed by the Camden & Amboy Railroad in New Jersey in the early 1830's. So many cows trespassed on the railroad that Dripps decided to install on the front end of the locomotive a small truck supporting two iron spears. The Dripps device was effective, but it was fatal to cows. To avoid damage suits, he substituted a crosswise bar much like the present-day bumper on an automobile, and from this came the present V-shaped cowcatcher.

Q. What is the story of the headlight?

A. In the early days of railroading, trains

ran only in daylight hours, and headlights were unknown. As the railroads developed, however, night operations became increasingly necessary, and inventive minds went to work to devise ways of illuminating the track ahead. The first crude step was taken under the direction of Horatio Allen, then chief engineer of the South Carolina Railroad. He attached a small flatcar to the front of the locomotive, and covered the floor of the car with a heavy layer of sand on which he kept a bonfire of pine knots!

In other instances, large candles protected by glass cases, fitted with reflectors, were used. Whale oil was extensively used in the 1840's and 1850's. In 1859, kerosene lamps took the place of candles and whale oil lamps. Then came gas lights, fed from storage tanks, and finally, in 1881, electricity.

Recent developments include the figure-eight oscillating headlight, first used on the Chicago & North Western in 1936. This was followed in 1944 by an oscillating headlight that would flash either a red or a white light, whichever the engineer desired for safety purposes. In June, 1946, powerful sealed-beam headlights were first applied to locomotives of the New York Central Railroad.

Q. What was the most famous locomotive of the Civil War?

A. This distinction belongs to the locomotive

tive "General" of the Western & Atlantic Railroad (now the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis). The locomotive was captured April 12, 1862, by Captain James J. Andrews and his Yankee raiders and was pursued and recaptured by the Confederates under Captain W. A. Fuller after a thrilling chase of nearly 100 miles on the line between Atlanta and Chattanooga.

Q. What part did buffaloes play in Western railway history?

A. The famous Western scout and Indian fighter, William F. Cody, earned the picturesque nickname of "Buffalo Bill" as a result of his contract to supply buffalo meat in 1867-1868 to the construction forces engaged in building the Kansas Pacific (now part of the Union Pacific Railroad). They needed 12 buffaloes a day, and he took the job of supplying them for \$500 a month.

Trains crossing the Western plains in pioneer days were frequently delayed by "thundering herds of buffaloes." In October, 1872, P. T. Barnum, traveling to Denver over the Kansas-Pacific with two friends, reported "seeing many thousands of wild buffalo. Our train sometimes had to stop to let them pass."

Q. When were the first circus-owned trains operated in this country?

A. While records indicate that circus travel by rail began as early as December, 1838, with Bacon & Derious' circus, it was not until 1873 that a large circus moved from town to town in trains of its own cars. This was P. T. Barnum's three-ring circus, "Museum, Menagerie, and Hippodrome." More than 60 cars were built to transport the circus, including platform cars, "palace horse cars," and sleeping cars.

Q. What Presidents of the United States worked for the railroads in their earlier days?

A. James Buchanan was president of the Harrisburg, Portsmouth, Mount Joy & Lancaster Railroad in Pennsylvania in the 1830's. This railroad is now a part of the main line of the Pennsylvania.

Abraham Lincoln was an attorney for the Illinois Central and Rock Island railroads in Illinois during the 1850's.

Harry S. Truman was a timekeeper during the construction of the Santa Fe Railway about 1901.

Q. Who was Casey Jones?

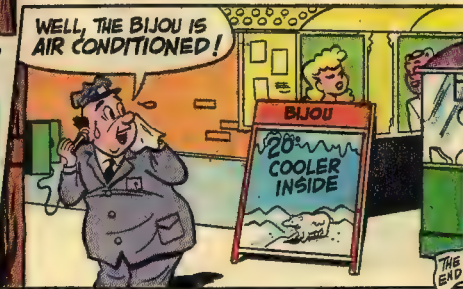
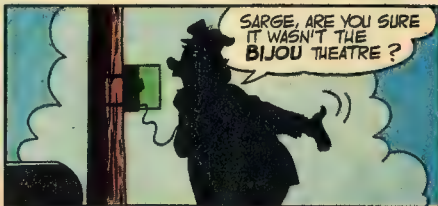
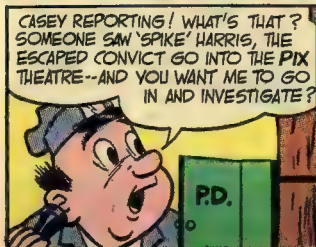
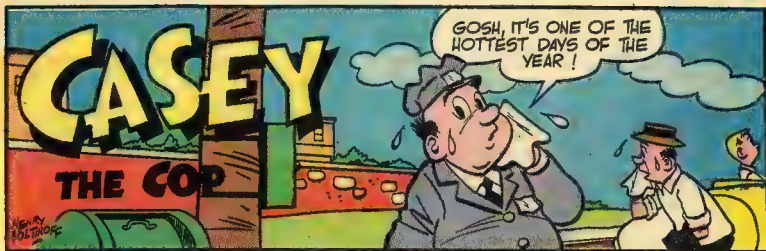
A. The hero of the song "Casey Jones" was a popular locomotive engineer employed in the 1890's on the Mississippi Division of the Illinois Central Railroad. His real name was John Luther Jones but, to distinguish him from other men named Jones who worked on the railroad, his friends nicknamed him "Casey" because he hailed from Cayce, Kentucky.

"Casey" Jones was a strapping young man, black-haired, gray-eyed, 6 feet 4 inches tall, one of four brothers and every one a crack engineer.

The famous ballad "Casey Jones" originated by Wallace Saunders, an engine-wiper of Jackson, Tenn., who knew and loved the dashing engineer. Following the news of Casey's heroic death at the throttle of his engine at Vaughan, Miss., on April 30, 1900, Saunders, chanting as he worked, put line and line together until they were caught up and passed on by fellow workers to become one of the immortal folksongs of the rails.

Q. What was the fastest run ever recorded on the railroads of the United States?

A. On June 12, 1905, the Pennsylvania Special, now the Broadway Limited, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, ran three miles in Ohio in 85 seconds, or at the rate of 127.06 miles per hour.



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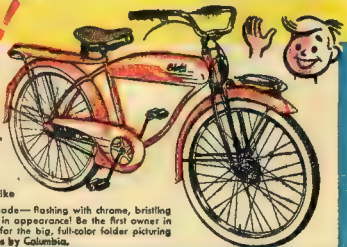
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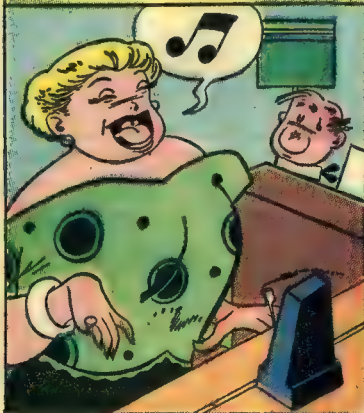
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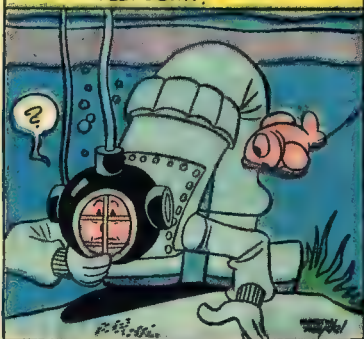
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AFTER YOU HEAR IT, MUSIC DISAPPEARS--
AS DO ALL VIBRATIONS CAUSED BY
SOUND. IT EXHAUSTS ITS ENERGY AS
HEAT!



A WAVE THAT'S TEN FEET HIGH
ON THE SURFACE OF THE OCEAN
CAN HARDLY BE DETECTED 100
FEET DOWN!



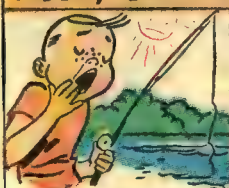
SOME HUMAN BEINGS HAVE EYES THAT
GLOW IN THE DARK, LIKE THOSE OF CATS!



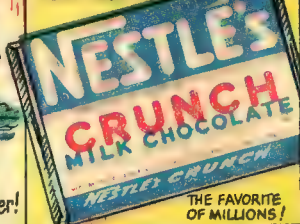
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BATMAN

WITH
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BATMAN!

HA HA HO

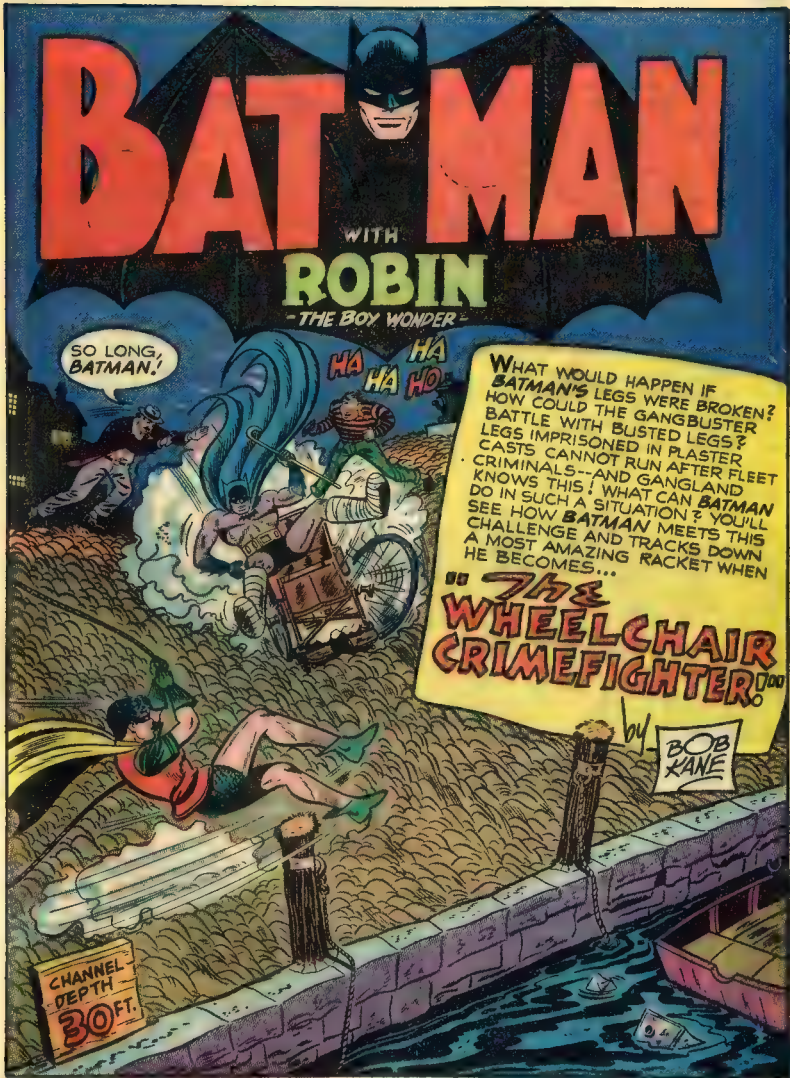
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF
BATMAN'S LEGS WERE BROKEN?
HOW COULD THE GANGBUSTER
BATTLE WITH BUSTED LEGS?
LEGS IMPRISONED IN PLASTER
CASTS CANNOT RUN AFTER FLEET
CRIMINALS--AND GANGLAND
KNOWS THIS! WHAT CAN BATMAN
DO IN SUCH A SITUATION? YOU'LL
SEE HOW BATMAN MEETS THIS
CHALLENGE AND TRACKS DOWN
A MOST AMAZING RACKET WHEN
HE BECOMES...

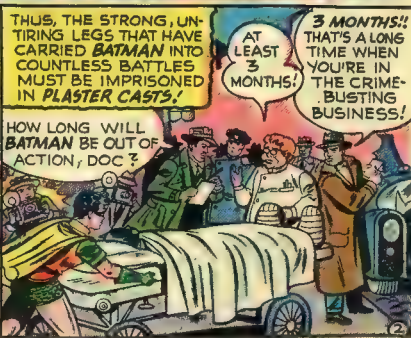
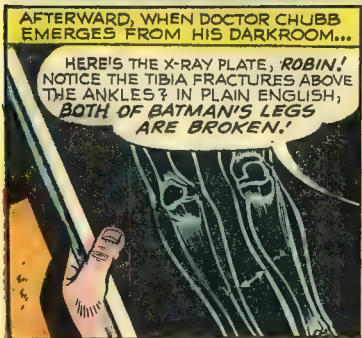
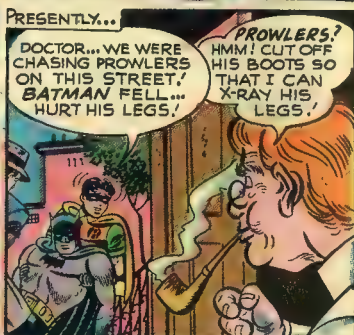
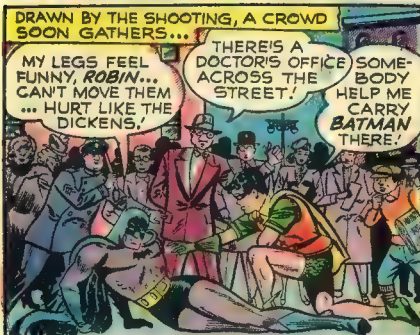
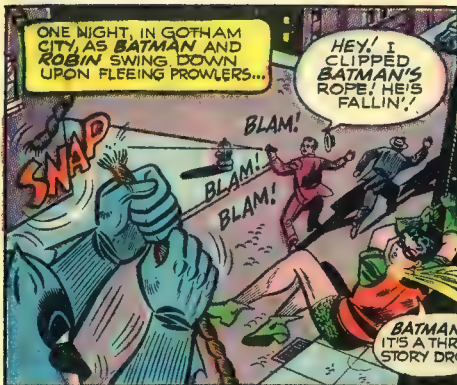
**"The
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CRIMEFIGHTER!"**

by

BOB
KANE

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30 FT.







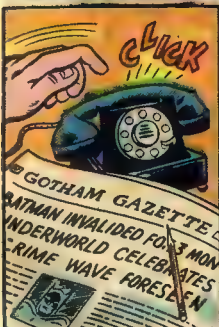
LATER, POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON GETS A PHONE CALL...

HELLO, COMMISSIONER... I'M THE DOCTOR WHO TREATED BATMAN'S INJURY! SOME GANGSTERS JUST PHONED ME... THEY THINK I REMOVED BATMAN'S MASK WHILE EXAMINING HIM, AND SAW HIS FACE... BUT IT'S NOT TRUE!

HMM... SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE IN DANGER, DOCTOR!

I AM, COMMISSIONER! THE CROOKS DIDN'T BELIEVE ME, AND THEY THREATENED TO KILL ME UNLESS I REVEAL BATMAN'S IDENTITY!

VERY WELL, DOCTOR CHUBB! I'LL PUT A 24-HOUR POLICE GUARD AROUND YOUR HOUSE! NO CROOK WILL COME NEAR YOU!



"CRIME WAVE"! IF EVER I NEEDED BATMAN'S HELP, IT'S NOW-- BUT A MAN WITH HIS LEGS IN CASTS SIMPLY CAN'T CHASE CROOKS!

NEXT EVENING, IN THE HOME OF WEALTHY PLAYBOY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, WHO ARE SECRETLY BATMAN AND ROBIN...

IN 1948, WHEN TRIGGER THOM'S BULLET CHIPPED MY RIGHT SHIN BONE, I WAS ONLY CRIPPLED FOR A MONTH-- BUT NOW-- 3 MONTHS!

SHIN? NOW I REMEMBER SOMETH-- OH-OH! LOOK WHO'S COMING!

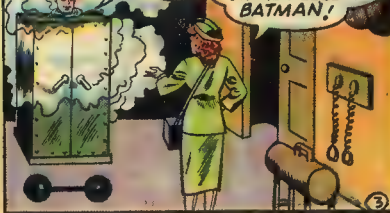
IT'S VICKI VALE! SHE'S ALWAYS SUSPECTED YOU'RE BATMAN! ONCE SHE SEES BRUCE WAYNE WITH BROKEN LEGS, SHE'LL KNOW FOR SURE!

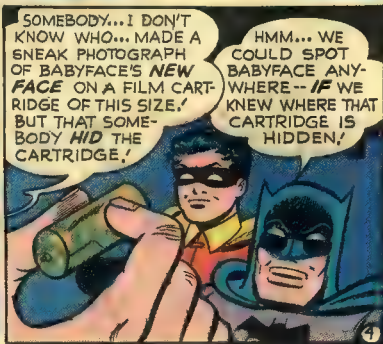
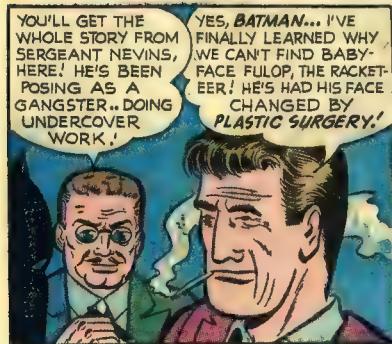
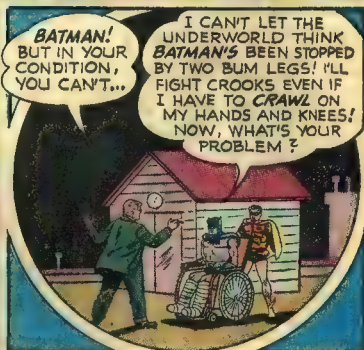
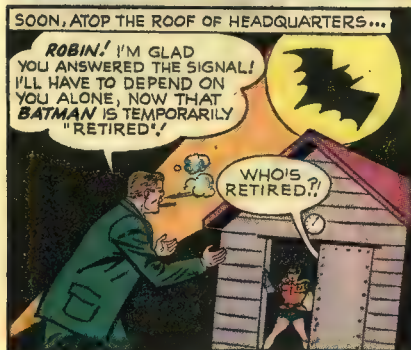
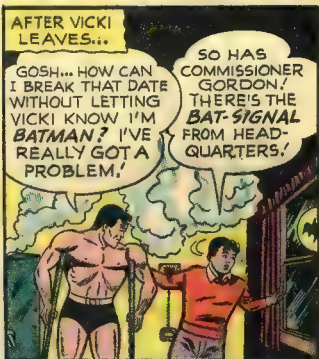
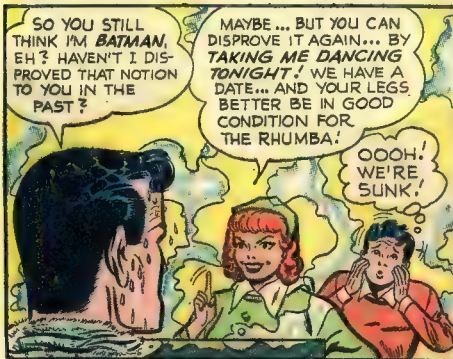
HURRY! WHEN SHE ENTERS, TELL HER I'M IN THE GYM!

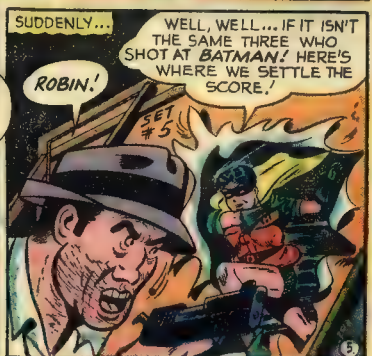
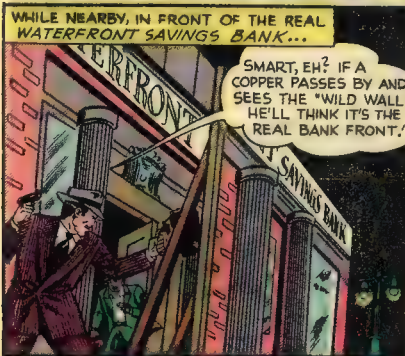
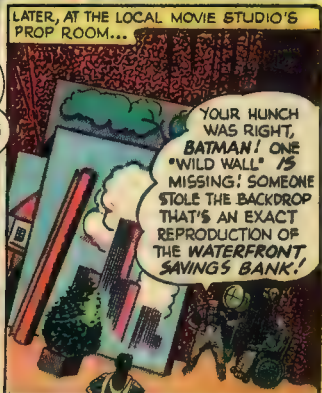
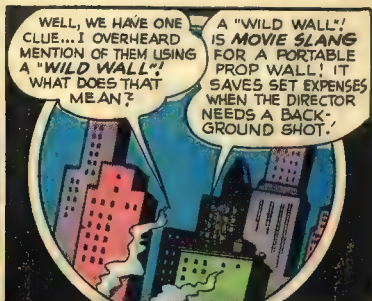
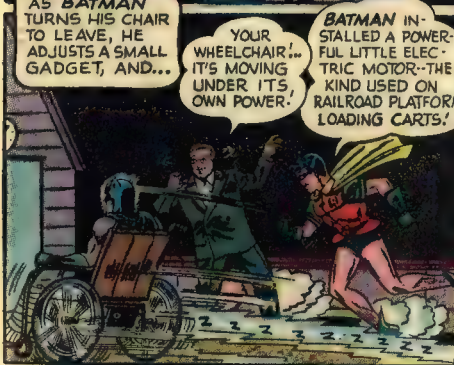
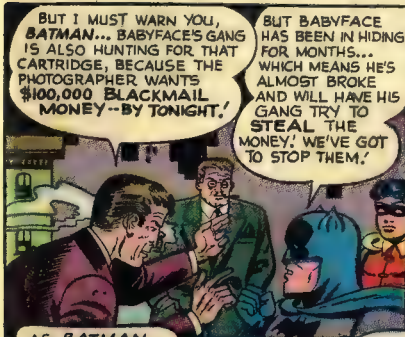
MINUTES LATER, WHEN THE SUSPICIOUS VICKI ENTERS BRUCE'S PRIVATE GYM...

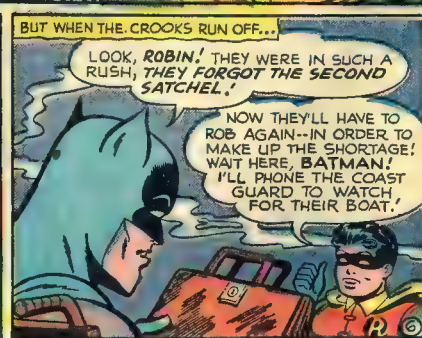
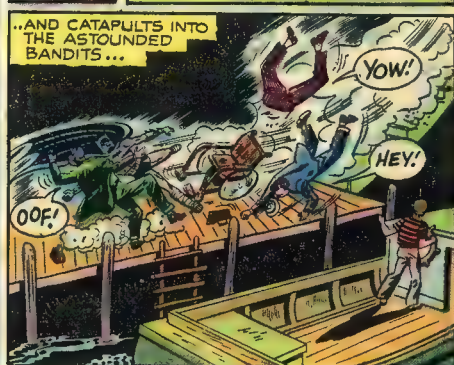
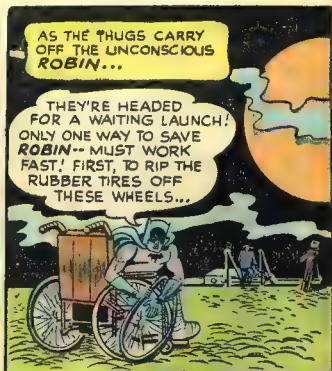
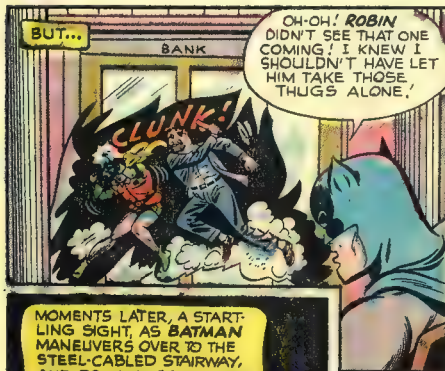
HI, VICKI! SORRY I CAN'T COME OUT NOW! I'M SWEATING OFF A FEW POUNDS!

A STEAM CABINET! HMM... A VERY CLEVER WAY TO HIDE YOUR BROKEN LEGS... BATMAN!

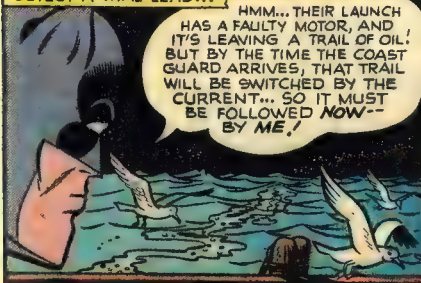








**AFTER ROBIN LEAVES, BATMAN'S KEEN EYES
DETECT A VITAL LEAD...**



HMM... THEIR LAUNCH
HAS A FAULTY MOTOR, AND
IT'S LEAVING A TRAIL OF OIL!
BUT BY THE TIME THE COAST
GUARD ARRIVES, THAT TRAIL
WILL BE SWITCHED BY THE
CURRENT... SO IT MUST
BE FOLLOWED NOW--
BY ME!

INSTANTLY, HIS INVENTIVE
BRAIN TRANSFORMS
THE WHEELCHAIR INTO
A "PADDLE WHEELER!"

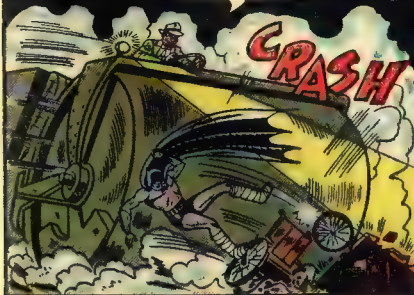
STRIPS OF WOOD
WEDGED BETWEEN
SPOKES BECOME
PADDLES AS MOTOR
TURNS WHEELS.

THICK PLANK IS
RAFT AND KEEPS
ELECTRIC MOTOR
OUT OF WATER.



ABRUPTLY...

HA, HA... THOUGHT WE
DIDN'T SEE YOU, EH,
BATMAN? SO LONG,
CRIPPLE!



LET'S SEE... THERE'S NO BOAT
AROUND THAT I CAN BORROW...
BUT THAT THICK PLANK AND THOSE
STRIPS OF WOOD... WITH THEM I'LL
BE ABLE TO TRAIL THAT LAUNCH
IN SPITE OF MY BROKEN
LEGS!



FOLLOWING THE OILY TRAIL TO A DESERTED
PIER, **BATMAN** GUIDES HIS CHAIR UP TO
A DARK STREET, ON WHICH STANDS A
REFLECTOR-TYPE GLASS DETOUR SIGN...

APEX LOAN COMPANY...
THAT'S JUST THE PLACE THEY'D
BREAK INTO FOR THE REST OF
THE HUSH MONEY! BUT WHERE
ARE THEY? WAIT A MINUTE...
THAT SIGN'S LIT UP...
SOMETHING COMING
UP BEHIND ME!

**APEX
LOAN CO.**



**HEY! BATMAN
WAS THROWN
CLEAR!**

SO WHAT? I'LL SHINE
THIS FLASHLIGHT ON
HIM, AND WE CAN
PLUG HIM! TAKE REAL
CAREFUL AIM... WE
GOT PLENTY OF TIME
... HE CAN'T RUN AWAY
NOW... NOT WITH
THOSE LEGS!



PINNED DOWN BY THE HEAVY LEG CASTS,
BATMAN IS A HELPLESS TARGET AS
THE GUNMEN APPROACH SLOWLY,
OMINOUSLY! WHAT CAN THE DISABLED
CRIME-BUSTER DO? HAS HE ANY
CHANCE AT ALL?

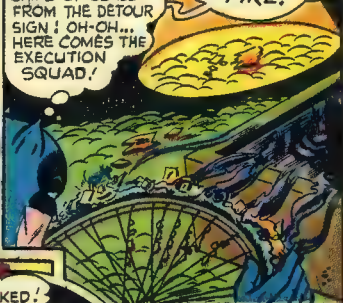
QUICKLY, BATMAN'S BRILLIANT MIND EVOLVES A PLAN!

LUCKILY, IT'S TOO DARK FOR THEM TO NOTICE WHAT I'M DOING! I'LL JUST LAY THIS CHAIR WHEEL ON THE FRESH TAR... IT'S STILL TACKY...



NOW I'LL RUB THE STICKY WHEEL OVER THE BROKEN CHIPS OF GLASS FROM THE DETOUR SIGN! OH-OH... HERE COMES THE EXECUTION SQUAD!

OKAY, BOYS, GET SET! WHEN I SHINE MY LIGHT ON HIM -- FIRE!



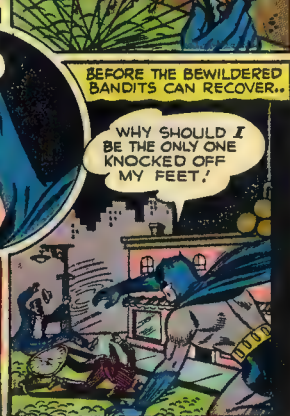
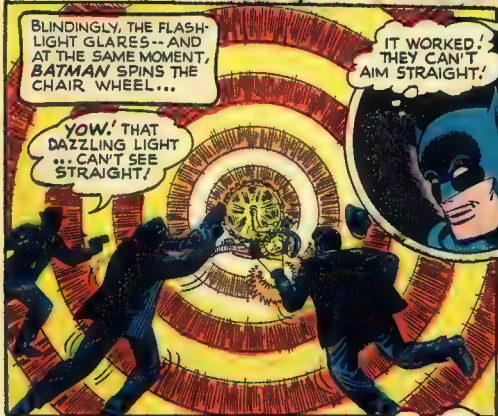
BLINDINGLY, THE FLASH-LIGHT GLARES--AND AT THE SAME MOMENT, BATMAN SPINS THE CHAIR WHEEL...

IT WORKED! THEY CAN'T AIM STRAIGHT!

BEFORE THE BEWILDERED BANDITS CAN RECOVER..

YOW! THAT DAZZLING LIGHT ... CAN'T SEE STRAIGHT!

WHY SHOULD I BE THE ONLY ONE KNOCKED OFF MY FEET!



I'LL KILL HIM! WHERE'S MY GUN? GIMME A GUN!

SHADDUP! CARS COMING! MAYBE COPPERS! LET'S SCRAM!

THEY ARE THE POLICE! I USED MY BELT RADIO TO CONTACT ROBIN, AND GIVE HIM MY ROUTE, WHILE I WAS RIDING THE WATER!

LATER...

THANKS TO YOU, BATMAN, BABYFACE'S GANG IS STILL SHORT OF THAT MONEY! YOU'RE A TOUGH MAN TO BEAT, EVEN IN A WHEELCHAIR --OR WHAT'S LEFT OF IT!

GUESS I'D BETTER GO RIGHT HOME AND GET ANOTHER CHAIR, EH?



AFTERWARD, BACK AT THE WAYNE MANSION...

OUR TROUBLES AREN'T OVER YET, **ROBIN!** IN ONE HOUR, VICKI WILL KNOW MY SECRET IDENTITY, UNLESS I CAN THINK OF SOMETHING FAST!

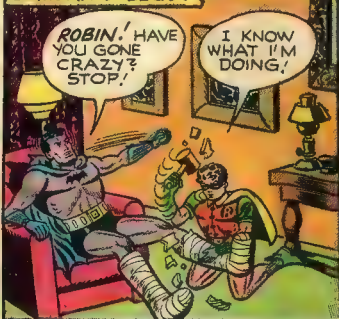
VICKI! THAT'S IT! I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING YOU MENTIONED WHEN SHE CAME HERE EARLIER TODAY!



SNATCHING UP A HAMMER, **ROBIN** STARTS CRACKING THE CASTS ON **BATMAN'S** LEGS!

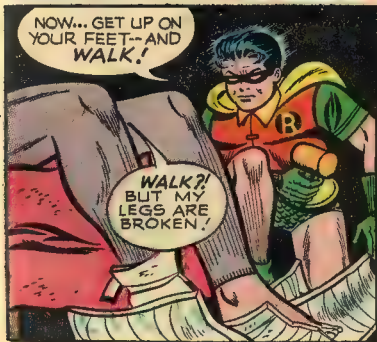
ROBIN! HAVE YOU GONE CRAZY? STOP!

I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING!



NOW... GET UP ON YOUR FEET--AND WALK!

WALK?! BUT MY LEGS ARE BROKEN!



I TELL YOU IT'S ALL RIGHT! YOU CAN WALK!



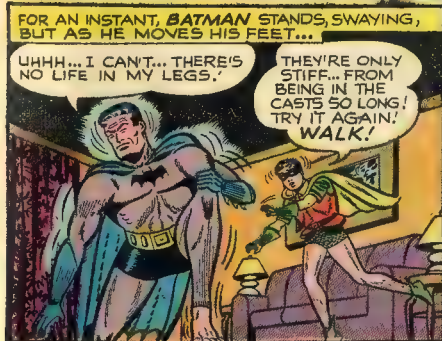
WELL... I'LL TRY...



FOR AN INSTANT, **BATMAN** STANDS, SWAYING, BUT AS HE MOVES HIS FEET...

UHHH... I CAN'T... THERE'S NO LIFE IN MY LEGS.

THEY'RE ONLY STIFF... FROM BEING IN THE CASTS SO LONG! TRY IT AGAIN! WALK!

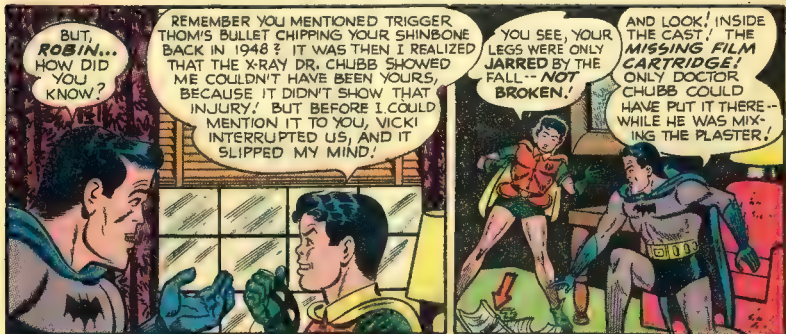


TIGHTENING HIS LIPS, **BATMAN** AGAIN STANDS ERECT... AND THEN, A MIRACLE SEEMS TO HAPPEN!

I CAN WALK! I CAN WALK!

OF COURSE YOU CAN, YOUR LEGS AREN'T BROKEN!





BUT, **ROBIN...**
HOW DID YOU KNOW?

REMEMBER YOU MENTIONED TRIGGER THOM'S BULLET CHIPPING YOUR SHINBONE BACK IN 1948? IT WAS THEN I REALIZED THAT THE X-RAY DR. CHUBB SHOWED ME COULDN'T HAVE BEEN YOURS, BECAUSE IT DIDN'T SHOW THAT INJURY! BUT BEFORE I COULD MENTION IT TO YOU, VICKI INTERRUPTED US, AND IT SLIPPED MY MIND!

YOU SEE, YOUR LEGS WERE ONLY JARRED BY THE FALL -- **NOT BROKEN!**

AND LOOK! INSIDE THE CAST! THE **MISSING FILM CARTRIDGE!** ONLY DOCTOR CHUBB COULD HAVE PUT IT THERE-- WHILE HE WAS MIXING THE PLASTER!

AND WHEN THE MICROFILM FROM THE CARTRIDGE IS PROJECTED ON A SCREEN...

ONE AFTER ANOTHER, THE OLD AND NEW FACES OF NOTORIOUS CRIMINALS ARE FLASHED ON THE SCREEN, UNTIL...



MUG FERRIER
BEFORE PLASTIC SURGERY



MUG FERRIER
AFTER PLASTIC SURGERY



MUG FERRIER!
THE COPS HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR HIM FOR MONTHS!



BABYFACE FULOP
BEFORE PLASTIC SURGERY



BABYFACE FULOP
AFTER PLASTIC SURGERY



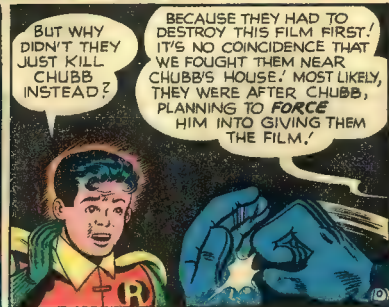
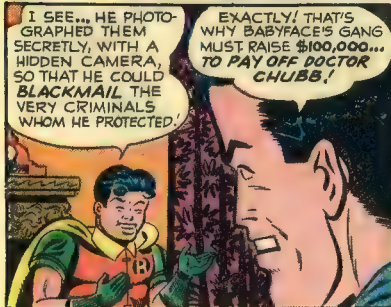
NOW I GET IT! ALL THOSE WANTED CROOKS HAVE BEEN ESCAPING THE POLICE DRAGNET, BECAUSE **THEY'VE HAD THEIR FACES CHANGED BY AN UNDERWORLD DOCTOR-- DOCTOR CHUBB!**

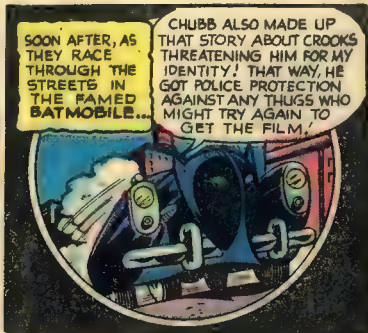
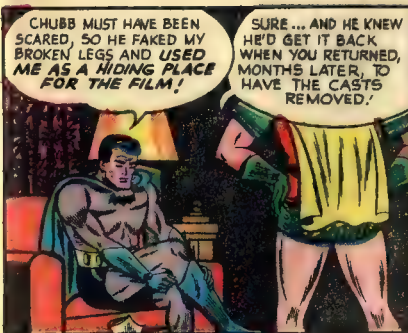
I SEE... HE PHOTOGRAPHED THEM SECRETLY, WITH A HIDDEN CAMERA, SO THAT HE COULD **BLACKMAIL** THE VERY CRIMINALS WHOM HE PROTECTED!

EXACTLY! THAT'S WHY BABYFACE'S GANG MUST RAISE \$100,000... **TO PAY OFF DOCTOR CHUBB!**

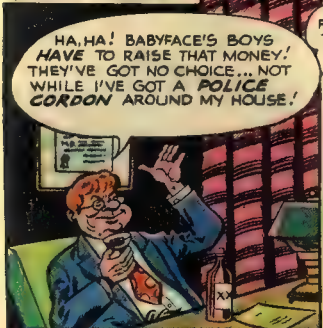
BUT WHY DIDN'T THEY JUST KILL CHUBB INSTEAD?

BECAUSE THEY HAD TO DESTROY THIS FILM FIRST! IT'S NO COINCIDENCE THAT WE FOUGHT THEM NEAR CHUBB'S HOUSE! MOST LIKELY, THEY WERE AFTER CHUBB, PLANNING TO **FORCE** HIM INTO GIVING THEM THE FILM!





LATER, AS THE CROOKED DOCTOR TOASTS HIS OWN CUNNING...



JUST THEN...

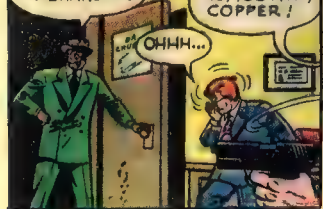
I GOT NEWS FOR YOU, CHUBB... THE COPS AIN'T HERE NO MORE!

YOU!! BUT COMMISSIONER GORDON... HE DIDN'T TELL ME...



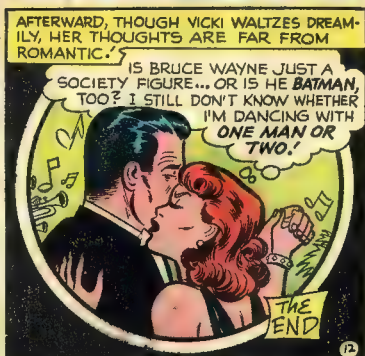
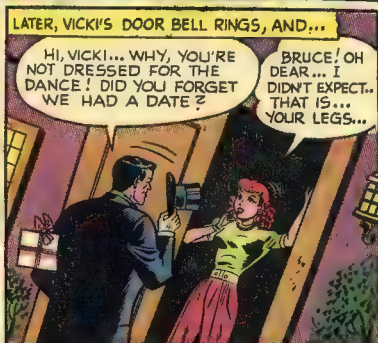
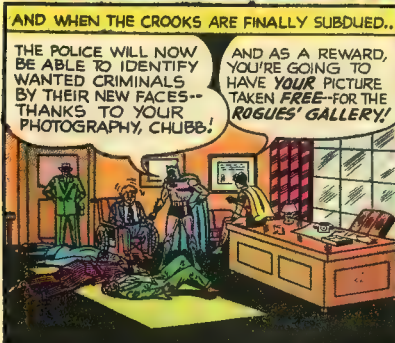
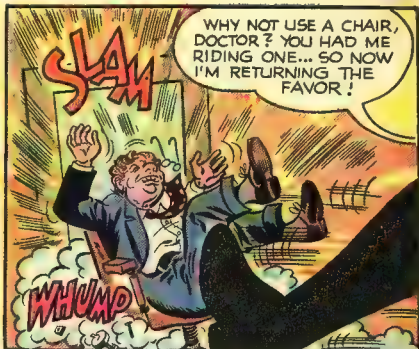
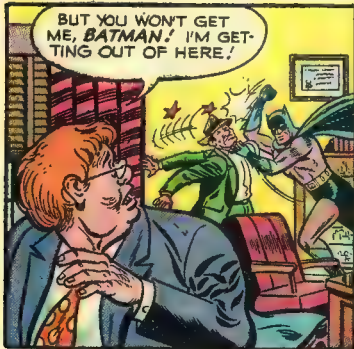
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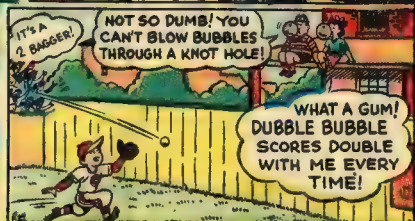
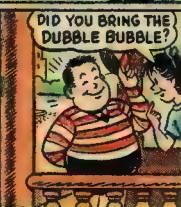
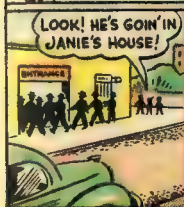
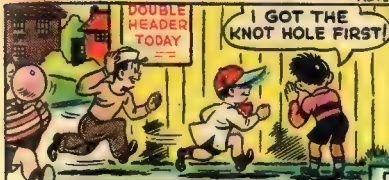
NO, CHUBB, I DIDN'T TELL YOU! THE NEWSPAPER COOPERATED IN PRINTING THAT STORY SO THAT BABYFACE'S LUGS WOULD THINK IT WAS SAFE TO RETURN HERE! NOW, WE'VE GOT YOU REDHANDED!



I WOULDN'T TAKE BETS ON THAT!







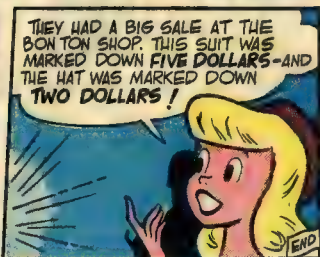
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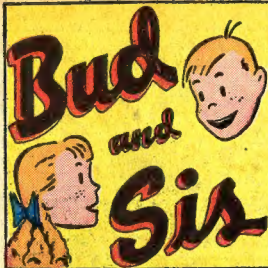
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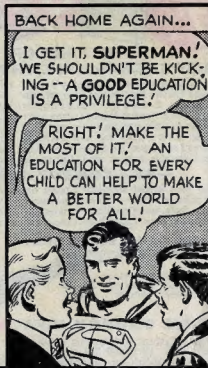
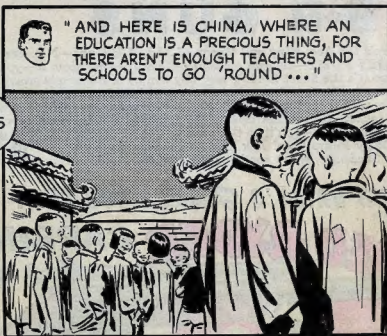
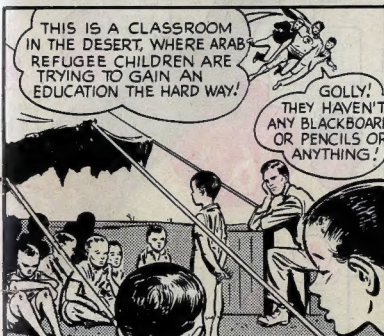
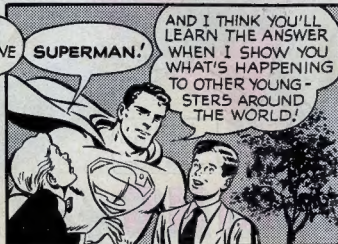
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